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A little girl in Brazil

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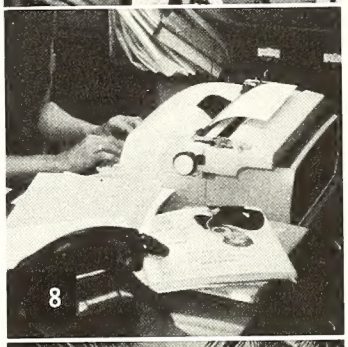
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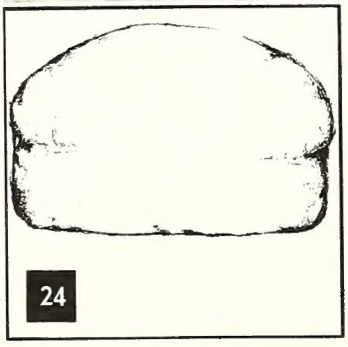
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Joyfully Serve Him

I had crossed that bridge many times. In fact, my wife and I crossed it without incident in 1967. But one evening just before Christmas last year the bridge joining Point Pleasant, West Virginia and Kanauga, Ohio, suddenly tilted and fell 100 feet into the icy water of the Ohio River. It carried many travelers, commuters, and Christmas shoppers to their death in a matter of seconds.

As my wife and I sat at the breakfast table in the comfort of our home discussing this tragedy, we were caused to wonder why those people were taken and we were spared. Following this thought, we considered our 1967 stewardship and whether we had done our very best for our Lord.

I have never seen much merit in New Year's "resolutions." But I have always felt that it is good to evaluate one's accomplishments in life. The best way to evaluate our accomplishments is to have a plan for our work. Then it is easy to see how well we are carrying out our plans.

Early in 1967 many people thought they would read the Bible through during the year. Or, they had plans for daily systematic devotions. Some did both; some did one or the other; still others to their own spiritual harm did neither. There were those who had high hopes of consistently witnessing for the Lord in an effort to win the lost to Christ. A few did; most didn't, or else there would have been revival in the church such as we have not seen in our generation!

There were those in the church who vowed to really get down to business for the Lord and do the job for which they are capable: the job that the Lord, who gave them talent in the first place, expected them to do. There were those who "aimed" to give more, who "aimed" to help others, who "aimed" to be what they as Christians should be. But the trouble was that they spent all their time aiming, but never firing! In fact, there were some who even came up on the negative side of the ledger and caused difficulty in the church to the shame of the cause of Christ.

The greatest accomplishments of the most successful Christians in 1967 are too little. No one has the right to appear self-righteous; none can rightfully boast, nor can one "preach" to his fellow Christians. But we can all determine to prayerfully seek God's will for our lives in 1968. We can ask Him to live through us and make us what He would have us to be.

First of all, we can ask Him to so control our lives that we will not harm the cause of Christ. We have absolutely no right to harm His body, the church, or to hurt our fellow believers—the members of that body. Even if we think we are getting by with it, we aren't. God will not hold us guiltless if we do injury to His body.

Then, we can manifest a true spirit of Christian love. How different things might have been in 1967 if all of us would have manifested a real spirit of selflessness and Christian love. Could it be that quick words of hasty retort broke the harmony of the church and hurt that body? It could be. May God show us in 1968 that it is more important to be a harmonious member of His body than to be chairman of the committee.

Then finally, let us ask God to build a spiritual fire under us to the extent that we will aggressively do the work that *He* has for us to do.



And, may He give us grace and discernment to sift through the many activities and come up with those necessary and essential jobs. Let us ask Him to make us willing, if necessary, to slow down so we might see that the urgent things are not always the most important things, and to see that the important thing is to do what He would have us to do.

May we not forget that He spared us through 1967 and brought us into 1968 for a purpose. God grant that we may joyfully serve Him throughout the year, not being moved from the path on which *He* has fixed our feet. Let us plan our work for 1968, and let us work that plan as the Holy Spirit leads us. 1968 may be the year that He will take some of us through death, or He may even come to rapture the church. Let us be ready to give a good account of our stewardship to Him. ▼

Many watched as two battled.
Only one would live.

DEATH ON A CROWDED STREET

The heat was, as usual, unbearable in the Brazilian town of Capanema. An hour before, the daily bus had gorged itself with passengers, pigs, chickens, and an assortment of cargo, and now was well on its way to the city of Belem. The local bar, which also served as the waiting room for the buses, trucks, and trains that passed through the town, at this moment had only a few customers sitting around its little wooden tables.

Among those quenching their thirst on that hot, humid day were two men who began to raise their voices in anger. Soon the alcohol in their systems heated their emotions to such a point that they began to fight. Tables were overturned and chairs scattered in disarray as the men struggled back and forth in bodily contact. They jockeyed for position, each seeking an advantage over the other, and soon found themselves facing one another in the dusty street outside. Each surveyed his opponent, gasped for breath, and longed for the return of strength to his tired muscles before he made the lunge to clash in mortal combat once again. Suddenly, one of the men jerked his knife from its hiding place under his belt; bystanders scurried for cover. The Brazilian's coordination dulled by the "cachaca" (cheap alcoholic drink) made him react clumsily. As he made an under-

hand swing to stab his opponent, the blade tore through his own pants into his leg and severed an artery.

Thus ended a foolish brawl. And, thus ended that man's life. Right in the middle of a busy street, with a crowd of people watching, a man bled to death. No one raised a hand to help. No one so much as touched him. No one tried to stop the flow of blood by giving him the needed first aid. This was a matter for the police, and no one wanted to get involved. So a man died. A father's corpse was carried home to five children. A husband was returned dead to his widow, and a few hours later a lifeless body was carried in a crude wooden coffin to a damp grave.

Tragic?

Yes. But, was it more tragic than the drama of life and death that takes place before us day after day? We, too, are spectators to the tragedy of human sin around us. Yet many of us refuse to get involved. We look at the thin veneer of respectability, or at the prosperity that hides the true condition of the human heart, and see no need around us. We throw crumbs of charity to those less fortunate in foreign lands and think that we have fulfilled our Christian obligation. And all the time we are really watching humanity bleed to death spiritually.

Jesus said, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you" (John 6:53). The peoples of this world cannot eat of His flesh or drink of His blood if they are unacquainted with Him. Christ expects us to become involved—yes, involved in the tragedy all about us. For everywhere we turn, there is conflict just as tragic and often as senseless as the brawl of the two drunken men on the streets of an Amazon town.

There is conflict in the American home: one out of three marriages ends in divorce. There is conflict in the souls of little children: we are told that the real tragedy of divorce is the turmoil and uncertainty that develops in the life of the children from broken homes. There is conflict in the ranks of teen-agers and young people: they seem to be at war, not only with society but with themselves in their inconsistent, illogical approach to life.

A Moment with Missions

By Rev. John W. Zielasko

Our jails are filled beyond capacity; our hospitals are overcrowded; our mental institutions are bursting at the seams. There is racial conflict, political conflict, and religious conflict, as well as open warfare in Vietnam. Recent news analysts and political observers warn us that we are on the verge of anarchy.

But still the vast majority of Christians go about their daily affairs with little concern for the world around them, perhaps pausing occasionally to observe and even comment on the drama of life that they can no longer avoid—visibly disturbed that this particular event would dare to interfere with their "pursuit of happiness."

There was never a time in history when the voice of Christians was needed more than it is needed today. As Christians we *must* become involved. Our light is to be set on a hill where it is to shine brightly and illuminate the darkness of doubt and despair. We dare not stand by and watch while society bleeds to death emotionally, morally, and spiritually. Christ *is* the answer; and the only way that peoples of the world will know this is for every Christian to become personally involved in the plight of humanity, to live and witness for Christ in such a manner that the Holy Spirit can do His work in the hearts and lives of others, and to go to them and present Him as the One to solve our problems as well as to redeem us from sin.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church *is involved,* and through its commitment on seven different fields it enables every member to become personally involved in the greatest task this side of heaven.

On the part of each one of us, let us make 1968 the year of our greater involvement in Brethren Foreign Missions! ▼

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New Missionaries



Mr. and Mrs. Voorhees

IN AFRICA



Mr. and Mrs. Beaver

Mr. and Mrs. Duey Voorhees, who used to live in California, have been on the mission field in the Central African Republic for several months now. They help in many ways at the Bible Center station where they live.

Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver are not really "new" missionaries. They did serve in Africa for many years. But they spent the last four years in the United States before going back to Africa last October. They also live at the Bible Center. Danny and Joe Beaver are with their parents, but their two older brothers and their sister stayed in the U. S.

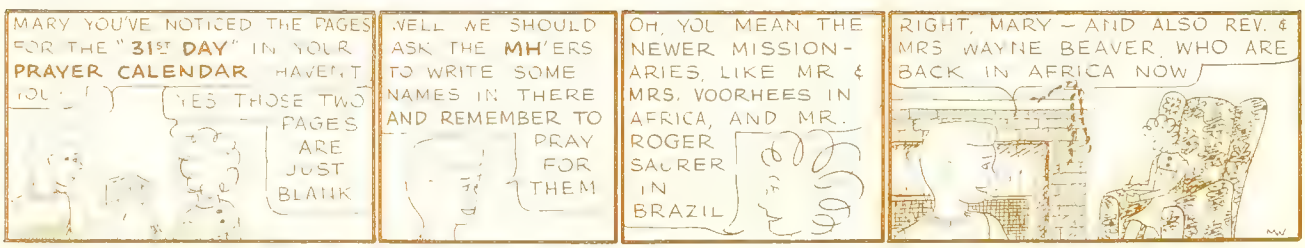
Mr. Roger Saurer is a teacher of missionary children in Brazil. The school where he teaches is called the Amazon Valley Academy, and it is near Belem. ▼

IN BRAZIL



Mr. Saurer

HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY—



Dearth of workers but not of work

Facing the Need in Argentina

By Rev. Hill Musgrave



Many centuries ago God challenged a man named Joshua with these words: "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

To be sure, Israel had entered the land, had smitten many kings, and had possessed their land. Yet, the task had only begun.

Across the years this has been the repeated experience of those engaged in the work of the Lord. It is true in Argentina. The land has been entered. Souls have been saved. A national church has been established. Many victories have been won.

However, in the midst of it all, God comes with the same challenge: "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

Will you permit God to challenge *you* as we briefly relate the urgent need for missionaries to complete this unfinished task in Argentina?

No matter in which direction one travels in this land, there are scores of villages, towns, and sections of cities where there is no established gospel witness.

We are constantly burdened as we see new housing projects mushrooming in the suburbs surrounding Buenos Aires, and we ask ourselves who will take the message of salvation to the people living here. Over seven million people are concentrated in this one area of the country, every one of whom is heading toward eternity. Who will tell them of the Saviour? True, there are many groups besides our own working here. But what are all of them put together when we consider reaching such a multitude? Our own force is insignificant in the face of such need: three national pastors and two missionary couples.

To the south, new cities are being established. Older cities and smaller towns are experiencing real growth due to the exploitation of the natural resources of the region. The present government is pushing the development of vast sections. All this is attracting an influx of people. Who will tell *them* of Christ?

We can go to the interior of the country to the section where our church has been laboring for many years, and where most of our work is located, and find there are still many places where no testimony for Christ is to be found. Even in some towns where there is a congregation, there is no pastor to lead the flock. What would your church be if it were continually without a pastor? Can you not see the need for men to enter these needy fields, to win souls and establish new churches?

Letters come constantly from different parts of the country in response to our church's radio programs. Some people, who have been saved as a result, write to us asking us to send someone to tell them more. To the present time, people from five different provinces have written in response to our gospel programs. Letters to these listeners, answering their questions and problems, seeking to establish them in Christ, are of some help. But how much better it would be if someone could go personally and visit them. How many new testimonies might be established in this way! Do you not see the need?

Correspondence courses offered on our radio programs and through newspaper advertisements have brought such a response that the one missionary handling these is already calling for help. Marvelous opportunities have been afforded to point souls to the Saviour and to counsel and help those in need. Can you not see the need for strengthening this most important phase of the work with added missionary personnel?

Our Bible Institute is seeking to meet some of this need through the training of national workers and pastors. At the present there are twenty young men and women enrolled, among whom are two from Spain, one from the United States, and one recent arrival from Lima, Peru. What a challenge to teach these the Word of God! Two missionaries, together with several nationals, compose the staff. One, however, will soon be due for furlough. Who will take his place?

My friend, has God challenged you as you have read about this need for more missionaries in Argentina? If so, ask Him whether He would have *you* help meet this need. ▼

MISSIONS ENCYCLOPEDIA RELEASED

The Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Missions: the Agencies tells the story of the world's 1,400 Protestant foreign mission and related agencies in over ¾ million words. A publication of Gordon Divinity School, it was edited by Burton L. Goddard and released by Thomas Nelson and Sons last month. The article about the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was written by Dr. Russell D. Barnard.

Behind the Scenes at BFM

Hello! Won't you stop in for just a few minutes and get acquainted with our family in the offices of Brethren Foreign Missions? We live in a wonderful neighborhood here at Winona Lake, Indiana, surrounded by gracious neighbors with whom we have fine fellowship and cooperation. Their names? Grace Schools, Brethren Home Missions, Christian Education Department, Herald Company, and Board of Evangelism. All of us are busier than ever these days as the Lord has abundantly blessed our fellowship of churches.

In May, 1956, we moved to our present quarters in the Herald building, which had been newly constructed. For several years previous our offices had been on the second floor of the Grace Seminary building. But foreign missions needed more space and so did the seminary, and our move worked to mutual advantage. At the time of the move, we had a full-time staff of five members; now there are nine of us.

The past year has seen a change of personnel in our two top administrative offices. Always when there is a need for new personnel in the FMS office, the Lord sends the right ones into the work. It is wonderful to know that it is His work and that He supplies the workers, and the workers serve as unto Him.

Rev. Zielasko

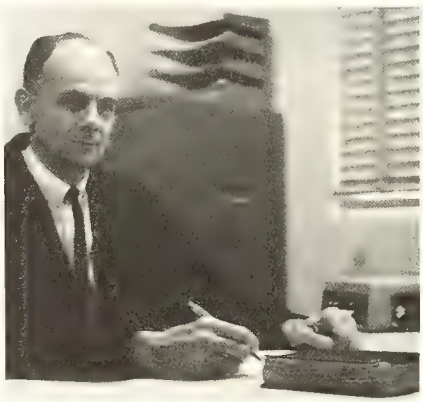


Let us introduce you to our family here in the foreign missions office.

Rev. John W. Zielasko was called to his position as foreign secretary at the annual board meeting in 1965. He came into the office in June, 1966, and took over the administration the first of January, 1967. Born in Pennsylvania, a graduate of the State Teachers College at Millersville, Pennsylvania, and also a graduate of Grace Seminary, Rev. Zielasko was in the Brethren pastorate at South Bend, Indiana, for two years prior to 1952. Then he and his family left for the mission field in Brazil, where they served until 1965.

Rev. Raymond W. Thompson came to his position as administrative assistant this past June. He and his family moved to Winona Lake from Bellflower, California, where he had been pastor of the First Brethren Church of Bellflower for five years. Before that, after graduation from Whittier College and Grace Seminary, this native Californian had served in the pastorate of the McHenry Avenue Grace Brethren Church at Modesto, California, and also taught at Brethren High School at Long Beach, California.

Rev. Thompson



The division of responsibilities between these two men is sometimes hard to distinguish. However, affairs of the missions and missionaries on the foreign field are cared for by the foreign secretary, and missionary affairs in the homeland are the work of the administrative assistant. One of Rev. Thompson's main responsibilities is the scheduling of deputation. He is also the office manager,



Mr. Moeller

and to him fall innumerable duties which are vital to keep the FMS home affairs running smoothly.

Mr. Kenneth Moeller assumed the duties of the financial secretary in February, 1956, and has done a highly commendable job in this work. It probably does not need to be said that there is nothing more important than maintaining communication with the supporters of Brethren Foreign Missions at home, and channeling funds to the missionaries. Through the years the financial work has become increasingly complex, and in December, 1965, a new office of assistant financial secretary was created. Miss Georgia Eikenberry came into this position. Miss Eikenberry's main division of the financial work includes issuing receipts and keeping the records of donors, gifts, and missionary support.

Mr. Moeller, from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, is a graduate of Bryan University and had studied for a year and a half in Grace Seminary before assuming his FMS duties. Miss Eikenberry is a native Hoosier and



Miss Eikenberry

came to the FMS office from near Peru, Indiana, by way of Fort Wayne, Indiana, where most recently she was the bookkeeper for a Christian bookstore.

Mrs. Shaull



The third member of the financial office staff is Mrs. Norma Shaull, who does secretarial work. Mrs. Shaull is from Mansfield, Ohio, and began her FMS office work in October, 1960. After being out of the office for about a year and a half, during which time she became the mother of a son, she returned this past fall.

Miss Evelyn Schumacher of Elkhart, Indiana, has served as assistant office secretary for the past year. She,

Miss Schumacher



too, had served in past years in the FMS office. She is situated in the front main office, and serves as receptionist, does secretarial work, cares for affairs of the Missionary Helpers Club, sends out visual aids and publicity materials for missionary deputation, and cares for numerous other duties. Evelyn has served for about five years on the mission field in Africa.



Mrs. Wardell

All of these people occupy offices on the main floor of the building. An additional office and a large amount of work space are located in the basement. After descending the stairs from the main office, you will find the room occupied by the office secretary, Mrs. Marcia Wardell, who, according to the number of years of service, is now the senior member of the staff, having come into the work in October, 1951. Her area of responsibility is publicity and publications, including *Foreign Mission Echoes* and the monthly *Missionary Herald* material, missionary storybooks, missionary newsletters, prayer booklets, missionary biographies, and such, along with various other duties too numerous to mention—yes, even secretarial work on occasion. Mrs. Wardell was born and grew up in Illinois, but came to Winona Lake from Harrah, Washington, where she first became affiliated with The Brethren Church.

Rev. Bowman



Rev. Edward D. Bowman carries the title of "Materials Secretary." However, a title could hardly convey his area of work, which among other duties includes supervision of mailing and of supplies available to churches, and also supervision of the physical properties of the missionary residences at Winona Lake. Rev. Bowman, who was born and reared in California, is a Grace Seminary graduate and held several Brethren pastorates before coming to the FMS office in the spring of 1959.

Mrs. Della Nagel, another native Pennsylvanian, serves as Rev. Bowman's assistant. One of her chief duties is caring for the voluminous mailing lists and making the constant changes brought about by a population which seems to be forever on the move! She has been on the office staff since January, 1966.



Mrs. Nagel

Now, if you wish to write the FMS office concerning a matter, and you are in doubt about whom to address, just write to Brethren Foreign Missions, Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, and be assured that your request will be channeled to the right department and person. Be assured, too, that these people whom God has called to this work want only to serve to the glory of the Lord. Yet, don't be surprised if mistakes are made occasionally, for these are, after all, *human* instruments. But they do have the missionaries' welfare, and your welfare, at heart; and their great desire is to serve all to the best of their abilities.

It has been nice chatting with you. The next time you are in Winona Lake, won't you please stop in at our offices next door to the College Bookstore? We'd like to get to know *you* better. ▼

Swiss Teachers on the Job

Recent letters from Jean-Louis Steudler, director of the James Gribble High School, and the Gilbert Aelligs tell of their work for the Lord in Africa. Mr. Steudler returned to the field in mid-October following his visit to the United States, during which it was possible for many American Brethren to become acquainted with him.

From Mr. Steudler:

It has been exactly four weeks since I left your country after having spent two unforgettable months there. In fact, I shall always remember those weeks spent in America: the experience of national conference, which was inspiring and blessed for me, and then the privilege of being in a total of thirty churches in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington, D. C.

In thinking back over the time spent in your country, I am reminded of the words of the apostle Paul in Philippians 1:3 to 6: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

After leaving Chicago on October 12, I spent one week in Switzerland, which permitted me to visit Mr. and Mrs. Scheidegger, who are the two new missionaries coming to take the place of the Aelligs at Yaloke.

I left our older daughter, Chantal, in Switzerland, where she will begin her nursing studies in the spring. Our younger daughter, Nicole (12 years), accompanied me. Leaving Paris at 11 p.m., we arrived in Bangui the next morning at 7:45. All the Bangui missionaries — Goodmans, Snyders, and Aelligs—were at the airport, as well as my wife, Colette, who, naturally, after two months was happy to see me again!

The next morning we took the bumpy road which leads to Yaloke. (Ah! How beautiful the American highways were in my little Japanese car!) It is always nice to come back to our pretty station of Yaloke. The trees have grown a lot; the dormitories have been nicely whitewashed; and more and more the school center resembles a little village. If I could judge by the shouts and the smiles, the students were very happy to see their director again.

It was, of course, necessary to plunge right into the administrative affairs which always accompany a new school year; then, to take again my part of the teaching load and lift the added burden from my four fellow laborers—the Waridels, Eddie Mensinger, and my wife, who for the first two weeks assumed by themselves the teaching of our 120 students.

Although I arrived two weeks late, I noticed that some of the students were not yet here. It is so difficult at the end of the rainy season to make a trip of 500 kilometers. There are often roadblocks; sometimes the weekly autocars do not arrive, and when they do arrive they are more than full. Not a single place is empty. It is necessary to wait for a new week. Moreover, to find $16 for tuition, plus a certain amount for food isn't always an easy thing, especially in a country where the rural people receive their money once a year for the sale of their cotton, millet, coffee, or peanuts.

Several students spent their vacations searching for diamonds. This is hard work, especially in an atmosphere comparable to that which America knew in the past century among the seekers for gold in California and the great north. Certain ones were rewarded for their efforts and are very proud to wear new clothes and to deposit an important sum at the office, which will keep them from want during the whole school year.

Others helped their parents to cultivate a garden, and now with hope they are waiting the fruits of their labors. But all were happy to come back to Yaloke. One would have

thought that the students might profit from the absence of the director and the departure of the Aelligs to Bangui to act up to their heart's content. But to the contrary, realizing that the four professors were truly overloaded and were trying very hard to help the students get started in their classes, all showed themselves to be very cooperative and made work and discipline easier. The older ones have always been a help whenever we call on them.

School life has, therefore, returned to routine — classes, preparation of meals, distribution of daily allowances, agricultural work, and taking care of the chickens. After the rainy season the grass is very high, and it is necessary to hoe a lot in order to find the 150 orange trees planted in the spring.

The Bible section has a little group of five. We were hoping for more; but this is new, and it will take time for them to realize what they will learn in this course. That reminds me that when we began the high school seven years ago, there were only 26 students; and now we are able to accept only a small percentage of those who would like to come. With these five students Eddie Mensinger has begun a church history course and another on New Testament Introduction.

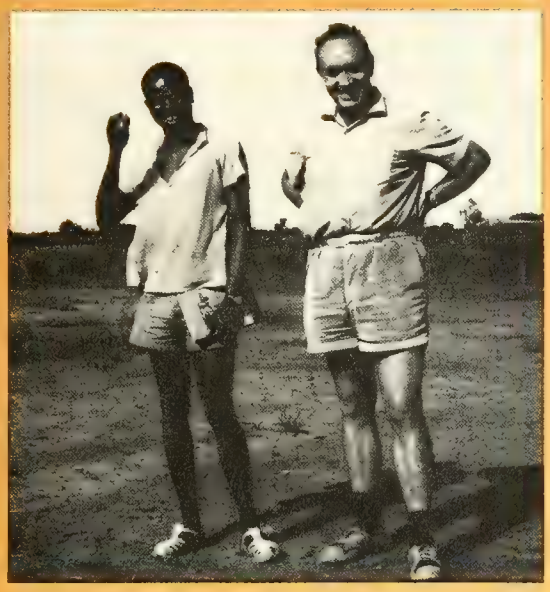
Now that school has had a good beginning, pray with us. Let's be on our guard because the devil knows about this and is always ready to attack.

In addition to the high school teachers at Yaloke, there are two nurses, Lois Miller and Linda Mensinger. Linda is helping with an English class while we wait for the arrival of the Scheideggers (due in Bangui on Nov. 25). Then there are two families who are learning French —the Johnsons and the McDairmants, who will stay at Yaloke until field council, which starts on Jan. 3.

From the Aelligs:

For a month we have been living here in the capital city, Bangui. Our fellow missionaries decided that it was necessary to have a French-speaking couple to work among the youth in the high schools. The board was in agreement. It wasn't easy to leave our work in Yaloke (at the James Gribble High School), our friends, and our life in the bush; but the Lord wanted us in Bangui. In several days we were packed and ready to leave. Everyone helped us. In spite of the bad roads, nothing was broken in travel. Surprisingly so, because the small Mercedes truck was not especially padded! We have a nice house, but small (living room, kitchen, bedroom, and office for Gilbert). It took a lot of thought and arranging to find a place for everything. However, the roof does not leak; the termites aren't eating things; and we have the conveniences of the city (electricity, stores, and so forth).

As soon as we arrived, Marvin Goodman and Gilbert contacted those in authority to arrange to teach Bible classes in the high schools. When permission was received, Gilbert visited each school to arrange the time for the classes. Because of full schedules for the students, we have classes in the early morning, and between eleven and one, and then later in the afternoons (when it's hot!). An African pastor and two other missionaries share in the classes. We are having classes in nine different schools. For Francine's part, she has classes in four girl's schools. The beginning days were difficult. Some classes were emtpy; the students did not know about them. We put announcements on the bulletin boards, and the next week we were happy because more students began to come. The youth of Bangui are exposed to many dangers—all kinds of temptation and false cults. Because of this, we feel it is important that they be established on a solid foundation, which is Christ. On Saturday afternoons we have extra classes for the fellows and girls. Gilbert is also planning to have an evening class for the government workers. ▼



Mr. Steudler and a high school student.



Gilbert and Francine Aellig (left) and the Pierre-Andre Waridel family.

A CHECKLIST FOR PROPHECY

- ☐ Israel's future?
- ☐ Russia's role?
- ☐ World government?
- ☐ The Rapture?
- ☐ A great statesman?

By Dr. Charles W. Mayes

The study of the prophetic Word is rewarding, thrilling, and practical. It is most satisfying to behold a great world event which has some definite place in God's revealed plan for the end time.

Such was the case with the war between the Jews and the Arabs a few months ago. It was startling to see old Jerusalem in control of Israel, since the Bible tells us that "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

Do present events mean that now Jerusalem is to be no more trodden down by the Gentiles? Do these events mean that the times of the Gentiles will be closing any minute? Do these events mean that Luke 21:24 is now fulfilled? The answer to all these questions is negative.

Times of the Gentiles Not Completed

The Gentile nations have not finished their dealings with Jerusalem. The times of the Gentiles will not end until the close of the great tribulation. Luke 21:24 has not been fulfilled, although it may be in the process. Events are moving rapidly toward the culmination of the times of the Gentiles; but since no Scripture is of any private or isolated interpretation, we must blend all prophetic truth together.

What can Bible-believing Christians expect?

Your Expectations

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Expect increasing tension against the nation of Israel. God's hand is seen in the formation of Israel, but the nation is still in unbelief and not ready for God's great future blessing.

Expect increasing pressures for a world government. Communism will be pushing this. In so doing, all the forces which oppose world government will be slandered, infiltrated, and ridiculed. Some churches, not knowing God's prophetic plan, will aid the Communists to produce a world government. Have you heard about the world monetary system? Are you aware of the progress of a world church? Do you understand the world program for education under UNESCO? Do you see how all these pave the way for world government? These things all sound so logical in the godless classrooms of our universities and colleges! Such education concerning world government is becoming more and more popular in our society.

Expect a great surprise from God's overruling Providence. When Russia gets what seems to be the lead in social control, political strength as is seen in the UN, and superior military strength as now announced in the news, she will decide to get rid of Israel. But Russia will be utterly defeated in that nefarious attempt. How much damage Russia can do before God calls a halt, we do not know.

Expect a world government not controlled by Russia, but controlled by the powers spoken of by Daniel the Prophet. His inspired message reveals there will be ten kings or nations joined together over which the coming Antichrist will rule. These will not include Russia, the King of the North, which will be destroyed before the end of the times of the Gentiles.

Expect the world ruler to appear on the pages of events at any time. The church will not know him as the first beast of Revelation 13, but he might appear as a great statesman even while the church is still on earth. No one expects Russia to be destroyed, except those who know God's Word. No one expects a world government made up of the western powers except those who know God's Word. And no one knows of God's deliverance for His people except those who know God's Word.

Expect the coming of the Lord for His people. The "Rapture" of the church (all true believers) is the blessed hope for which we are taught to watch. It appears to be the next great event on God's calendar.

The Heavenly Hope

For the believers the answer is not in political movements, social changes, or religious unity. The answer is in the return of Christ. It will be a great moment, when we can leave this old world behind. Let us read about it again, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:16-17).

Those who properly interpret prophetic truth will not be dominated by this condemned world. It will neither be converted nor corrected in this age. Earthly hopes have already vanished. Ours is a heavenly hope. ▼

Church News

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH. Roland D. Makeieff, a twenty-year-old Grace College student, was killed in an automobile accident near Berrein Springs on Christmas Day. Roland, who came to Grace from France last fall, and his brother, Jean-Pierre, a senior at Grace, were accompanied by Steve Wright, a former Grace student. Both Steve and Jean-Pierre were injured and hospitalized. Mr. and Mrs. Makeieff came to the United States to attend Roland's funeral services and burial.

NOTICE. Pastors are reminded that the 1967 Statistical Forms are due Jan. 31. A copy of the form should be mailed to the district statistician, and one to the national statistician, Ken Herman, 108 Third St., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Thank you for your cooperation.

WINCHESTER, VA. On a recent Sunday evening, seven people were baptized. Paul E. Dick, pastor.

February Bible Reading Calendar

FEBRUARY		
DATE	MORNING	EVENING
1	EXODUS 27, 28	MATT. 21:23-46
2	EXODUS 29, 30	MATT. 22:1-22
3	EXOD. 31, 32, 33	MATT. 22:23-46
4	EXOD. 34, 35, 36	MATT. 23:1-22
5	EXODUS 37, 38	MATT. 23:23-39
6	EXODUS 39, 40	MATT. 24:1-22
7	LEV. 1, 2, 3	MATT. 24:23-51
8	LEV. 4, 5, 6	MATT. 25:1-30
9	LEV. 7, 8, 9	MATT. 25:31-46
10	LEV. 10, 11, 12	MATT 26:1-19
11	LEVITICUS 13	MATT. 26:20-54
12	LEVITICUS 14	MATT. 26:55-75
13	LEV. 15, 16, 17	MATT. 27:1-31
14	LEV. 18, 19	MATT. 27:32-66
15	LEV. 20, 21	MATT. 28:1-20
16	LEV. 22, 23	MARK 1:1-22
17	LEV. 24, 25	MARK 1:23-45
18	LEV. 26, 27	MARK 2
19	NUMBERS 1, 2	MARK 3:1-21
20	NUMBERS 3, 4	MARK 3:22-35
21	NUMBERS 5, 6	MARK 4:1-20
22	NUMBERS 7	MARK 4:21-41
23	NUM. 8, 9, 10	MARK 5:1-20
24	NUM. 11, 12, 13	MARK 5:21-43
25	NUM. 14, 15	MARK 6:1-32
26	NUM. 16, 17	MARK 6:33-56
27	NUM. 18, 19, 20	MARK 7:1-13
28	NUM. 21, 22	MARK 7:14-37
29	NUM. 23, 24, 25	MARK 8:1-21

Divide Chapters for Feb. 29 and Read Them Feb. 28 and March 1, When February Has Only 28 Days

CHICAGO, ILL. Mr. Wayne Buchanan, director of the Moody Bible Institute Correspondence School, has been named to the post of executive director of the National Sunday School Association.

CAMDEN, OHIO. A new organ was presented to the First Brethren Church by Mrs. Trose Cupp in memory of her recently deceased husband. Mr. Cupp was a charter member of the church which was organized in 1922. On Sunday, Dec. 10, Dr. James Entner of Association of Baptist for World Evangelism was the guest speaker at the church. Pocket Testament League films are being shown, and in February an account of this work will be given to the church. Wendell England, pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Rev. Don Rough, pastor of the Riverside Brethren Church, is conducting Bible classes in the Greensburg area of Pennsylvania. The class meets every Monday night, and they hope to begin Sunday services in the spring. Any interested persons should contact Rev. Don Rough, 700 Liberty Ave., Johnstown, Pa. 15905.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tizzard, members of the North Long Beach Brethren Church, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. George O. Peek, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. sold a record number of hymnals in 1967. Churches considering new hymnals are invited to write for sample copies and information. Two hymnals that have been very popular with our Brethren churches across the nation are *Inspiring Hymns,* published by Singspiration, and *Worship and Service Hymnal,* put out by Hope Publishing Company. Both are priced at $2.00 each, in quantities. Extended terms are offered to Sunday-school classes or other groups who may wish to present them as a gift to the church. Various colors are available, and the church name can be imprinted on the front cover of the hymnal at a slight additional cost. For piano and organ, loose-leaf copies are available. Write to Charles Koontz, Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590 for full information.

CHANGES. The 1967 national conference business sessions began August 15 and ended August 19. You may wish to correct these dates in your copy of the Brethren *Annual.*

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. On Nov. 8 the Grace Brethren Church of Santa Maria was organized with 20 charter members. As a result of decisions for Christ, there were 11 people baptized at the first baptismal service. Alva L. Conner, pastor.

NORWALK, CALIF. Competition between the Norwalk Brethren Church and the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, in Sunday-school attendance has stimulated growth in both schools. A trophy has been awarded to the Norwalk church, the winner of the contest. Rev. Les-

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
South Pasadena, Calif.	Feb. 11-18	C. Fred Berkemer	Scott Weaver
Martinsburg, W. Va.	Feb. 11-18	Robert Dell	James Custer
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	Feb. 21-March 3	Robert Salazar	Scott Weaver
Akron, Ohio	March 3-8	Vernon Harris	James Custer
Hatboro, Pa.	March 10-17	William Steffler	Bill Smith
Goshen, Ind.	March 10-17	Paul Morris	James Custer
Lancaster, Pa.	March 11-17	William Tweeddale	Herman Hoyt
Cleveland, Ohio	March 24-31	Robert Markley	Scott Weaver
North English, Iowa	March 24-31	David Thompson	James Custer

ter Huber, has accepted a call to serve as full-time Minister of Visitation at the Norwalk Brethren Church. Rev. and Mrs. Huber served as missionaries in French Equatorial Africa (now Central African Republic) and the Congo with the African Inland Mission under the sponsorship of the Moody Church of Chicago. Howard W. Mayes, pastor.

BUENA VISTA, VA. On Dec. 2, a men's fellowship supper, sponsored by the laymen and the men's Sunday-school classes, was held at the First Brethren Church. Ninety-six men from the church and community attended the meal which was prepared by the women of the church. Music was provided by a local quartet and by the song leader at First Brethren, Mr. Charles Armentrout. The speaker for the evening was Rev. Jerry Falwell, pastor of the Thomas Roads Baptist Church at Lynchburg, Va. One man professed salvation during the service. Recent revival meetings with Rev. Kenneth Teague, pastor of the Ghent Brethren Church at Roanoke, proved to be used by God with two public decisions for salvation and 20 rededications of life. Charles G. Thornton, pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Two couples from the Grace Brethren Church recently celebrated 50th wedding anniversaries. They are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grady and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gayman. John M. Aeby, pastor.



Chaplain Jones sent this picture of the chapel which has been built for the battalion. He reports that it has been well used since its dedication on June 24, 1967.

VIETNAM. A recent letter from Chaplain Emlyn Jones reads, "This will be my last letter to you from Vietnam! Lord willing, I plan to leave . . . Dec. 13. . . . One of the highlights of my tour has been civic action. . . . I have given literally tons of food to orphanages and schools. The Christian Day School in Tuy Hoa now has a building with a shiny new metal roof, concrete building, wood for desks, electrical lines, and rest rooms for the children. I plan to have a well dug for them before I leave. . . . I look forward to my ministry in Germany with great anticipation."

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Linda May Butcher and Perrine Davis Duvall, Dec. 3, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Judy Cramer and Matthew Hindman, Dec. 16, Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Barbara Wade and Bruce Lauer, Dec. 23, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Carol Ann Robinson and Richard W. Jans, Dec. 23, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Sharon Moine and Larry Smithwick, Dec. 16, First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio.

Sharon Darby and Russell Towner, Dec. 9, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The North Long Beach Brethren Church's volleyball team won the 5th annual Hi-College Southern California District mixed volleyball tournament held at Long Beach on Nov. 18. Twenty teams were competing in the tournament. A trophy was presented to the North Long Beach team following the championship game. George O. Peek, pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. Mr. and Mrs. Merch Shirley, members of the First Brethren Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 19. W. Wayne Baker, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. For eleven months in 1967, the average Sunday-school attendance at the First Brethren Church was 359 people. The previous high yearly average was 340 during 1965. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

NOTICE. All those desiring to have their 1967 issues of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* bound in book form should have them in the Herald office by March 1, 1968. The price for binding is $5.75 if you furnish copies. We will furnish copies and bind them for $6.75, postage paid.

MONTEBELLO, CALIF. Rev. and Mrs. E. Nelson Fay, missionaries to Argentina who are now on furlough, are announcing the birth of their third son. Theodore Nelson Fay was born on Nov. 28, 1967, at Montebello.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

O'NEAL, Mrs. Fred, mother of Dr. Glenn O'Neal who is the executive secretary of the Southern Calif.-Ariz. District, died on Nov. 17. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Mayes at Sunnyside, Wash., on Nov. 20.

LAUNTZ, Joseph, a charter member of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., died recently. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Don Rough.

CROWDER, Mrs. Mary, a member of the Silverbell Grace Brethren Church, Tucson, Ariz., went to be with the Lord on Monday, Dec. 4. A memorial service was held in the church on Dec. 7. Harold Painter, pastor.



A New Year's Challenge

By Mrs. William Schaffer

WMC President

Women—We are.
Manifesting—We are manifesting something or someone.
Christ—Let us be sure we are manifesting Christ.

Choice is always a part of life. And with every choice we make, we are actually turning toward manifesting Christ in our daily life, or we are turning toward sin. There is no middle or "neutral" ground. We do not remain the same. We are always changing.

We are told that we become like the one whom we obey. If we serve sin, it means frustration, disillusionment (an impression not at all consistent with the life God planned for those who choose to put their faith in Christ), and a kind of cynical hardening toward the gospel. But if we serve Christ, He molds our lives; and we become like the One to whom we belong! We belong to the power which we choose to obey. So let us choose to allow Christ to make a real difference in our lives this year.

This is a *new* year. God has given us *new* opportunities. Think of using I John 1:9 along with our theme verse for this year, Hebrews 10:22, which suggests, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." Jeremiah wrote that the Lord's mercies are *new* every morning. Won't you choose, as I have, to let God apply more of His Word to your life in order that you may experience the potential He has for you each day? If you read daily His plans, His purposes, and His promises for your life, and if you will permit the Holy Spirit to control your thoughts and actions, you will have a whole year full of *new* experiences. And you will become a more mature Christian.

Our pastors are reminding us that in view of the happenings the world over, the Lord's return could be nearer to us now than we might expect. If 4,200 WMC ladies draw "Nearer, Still Nearer," they could become 4,200 vessels prepared for the Master's use and could be used by the Holy Spirit for the winning of many souls this year.

Remember the words recorded by the apostle Paul in Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." ▼

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We extend to you a very blessed New Year on behalf of your National WMC Officers

His Place and Time Are Always Right!

By Mrs. Clark Miller

"If anyone had told me ten years ago that I would be serving as a missionary here in Argentina, I would have told him he was dreaming," my husband has laughingly related many times. But, upon reflecting back, it doesn't actually seem so strange that the Lord led us to Argentina.

I was born near Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, the fifth in a family of six children, and our Christian parents faithfully took us to church and all the related meetings. At the age of ten, I accepted the Lord as my Saviour, sincerely desiring to know Him better and to serve Him. The Lord used home influences and faithful teachers and preachers to influence my life and to prepare me to accept me the challenge of Argentina.

When still a teen-ager, I married my childhood sweetheart while he was on furlough before being shipped to the South Pacific for twenty-seven months. Needless to say, I did some growing up, some serious thinking, and some heavy leaning upon the Lord in those days.

Several years later, when we felt a bit "settled," we came to the place where we honestly prayed that the Lord would have His way and lead us definitely in His will. In the meantime we kept busy in the general activities of the church, trying to be there when needed. Since we really wanted to know the Word better and to be more effective and efficient servants, the idea came to study to prepare ourselves for the Lord's service.

We have always been thankful to the Lord for the years which followed at Grace, for the lessons learned, and for the Christian friends and fellowship. We were happy there. It was the place the Lord wanted us to be, and we were doing what He wanted us to do.

Then came the senior year when we should plan for our future. The Lord always times everything right. When we heard a plea for help in Argentina, He used it to speak to both of us. Of course, He worked out all the details, too.

Almost immediately we were off to Texas to study Spanish for a year. We have continued to be thankful for the fine basis received there.

Then, in October of 1961, we sailed for Argentina. Our first term was spent in Huinca Renanco, where our church is the only evangelical testimony in the town, and also in the area. As a mission field, the possibilities are unlimited; only the missionary is limited. We were just two people and there was so much to do.

We do praise God for the many victories, for some heartbreaking experiences, for all that He allowed to enter our lives that helped to make us more conformable and usable. One feels it takes the first term on the field for the people to get to know us and for us to know them. Of course, the ultimate goal is for the missionary pastor to be able to leave the work in the hands of a national pastor; this was realized at Huinca when by faith the people called Juan Colle, one of our own Bible Institute graduates, as pastor.

And now, we are trusting the Lord to work out all details in regard to our return. Our furlough year is over. It, too, has not passed without its share of joy and sadness, but in and through all these experiences the Lord has remained the same, meeting every promise He has given us. We thank you all for your prayers, which have sustained us, and for this honor you have accorded me of serving as one of your birthday missionaries this year. May our Lord bless each of you in your mission field.

(Note: Mrs. Miller did not mention the lovely little son, David Clark Miller, who arrived in June, 1966, to bless their home, after their many childless years. One of the sorrows mentioned was the fact that their second baby was stillborn this past July.—Marcia Wardell) ▼



At right: The Miller family

WMC—Grace; Christian Education Offering—Dec., Jan., Feb.

WMC News & Views

Michiganooze...

The Michigan District WMC is small and separated by many miles, but each individual effort is important as we seek to be "Women Manifesting Christ." Our fall rally is usually based on the new theme, and we share ideas from national conference. This year we mimeographed the workshop materials, and the district officers presented the information to the entire group. The project offering was divided between Jewish missions and the district mission church at Jackson, Michigan.

Mrs. Ralph Hall, national SMM patroness, was our guest speaker. She used the SMM theme, "Adorning the Heart," as she spoke from I Samuel 16:7. She related this to our WMC theme of "Nearer, Still Nearer." Since there are very few active SMM groups in our district, we felt Mrs. Hall's message was very much needed. She presented the new handbooks, the SMM sweatshirts, and the SMM charm bracelet. There was also a time for questions and some discussion.

A new pastor's wife was welcomed to the district. She is Mrs. Richard Cornwell from Lake Odessa. Mrs. Cornwell shared her personal testimony and sang a solo. Mrs. Harold Mason, missionary to Africa, was also welcomed. The Masons are at Berrien Springs this year while Dr. Mason works at the Berrien County Hospital.

A foreign-mission project has been cleared for the spring rally. The goal is $150 to buy a plastic hose for the Bozoum station in Africa. The attendance banner was won by the Alto ladies, but a committee will select a gift to replace the banner. If one council wins the attendance award three times, that council will keep the gift.

A district paper has been started for the first time this past year. The "Michiganooz" has been edited by Mrs. Jerry Kelley. This has helped our local groups keep in touch, and we gain ideas from the other councils. As a district we are saving Betty Crocker coupons for dishes at Lansing and commemorative postage stamps for Hawaii.

The new officers of the Michigan District WMC are Mrs. Linda Erb, president; Mrs. Eleanor Patrick, first vice-president; Mrs. Mabel Reed, second vice-president; Mrs. Minnie Mensinger, treasurer; Mrs. Marguerite Kauffman, secretary; and Mrs. Pauline Olmstead, prayer chairman.—*Mrs. Jerry Kelley.*

Northwest...

On November 2, approximately ninety women traveled from various parts of the Northwest District to the Harrah, Washington, church for our fall rally. The theme for the rally was "Nearer, Still Nearer."

The first half hour was spent enjoying coffee and donuts and greeting sisters in the Lord whom we hadn't seen for many months.

In the morning session our special feature was "sharing time," when a representative from each of our thirteen councils told *one* outstanding thing her group had done since our last rally in February. Each council received new ideas, and it was a thrill to hear of the many things which are being accomplished for our Lord.

Business was conducted by our president, Dee Schilperoort, and awards were presented to ladies who had read the entire Bible this past year.

The guest speaker was Mary Beth Munn, former missionary nurse to Africa, who brought a challenging message based on John 10:3, "And he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out."

Our "traveling" silver tea service went to the Spokane council. This is awarded to the council who has the best average attendance at their monthly meetings and at our spring and fall rallies.

Mrs. Marilyn Winter, our new pastor's wife at Harrah, was welcomed.

Our spring rally will be held in conjunction with district conference in February, 1968, at the Grandview, Washington, church. — *Mrs. George Christie.*

Mid-Atlantic...

Our WMC theme, "Nearer, Still Nearer," was stressed at the fall rally held at Martinsburg, West Virginia, on October 12.

We were reminded of being "nearer" to Him when we were greeted with friendliness. As we sang praises to Him, heard Him speak from His Word, uttered our petitions in prayer, and even as we presented our offerings to Him; we were drawn "Nearer, Still Nearer."

Then we were drawn "nearer" to our work and to those who labor in Africa as Mrs. W. A. Ogden, who recently visited the mission fields, shared slides of her trip with us. She even brought greetings in words and song via tape.

As each president or representative told of local projects, we were drawn "nearer" to these councils.

Even as we parted, our prayer was that we might be drawn "Nearer, Still Nearer" because of this day of fellowship.—*Mrs. Leonard Shingleton.*

Covington, Ohio...

Middler and junior SMM girls were guests of the WMC group of the First Brethren Church at their October meeting. The devotional was presented by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Ralph Miller.

There were twenty-one women and girls present to enjoy the theme of "Fall."

Our secret Little Sisters were revealed, and new Little Sisters were chosen for the new year. ▼

I belong to the Women's Missionary Council of the Grace Brethren Church at Gardena, California. We have an average attendance of thirteen women. We have a burning desire to see souls saved and to back the missionary outreach of our church, of our district, and of our national program. We have our hospitality committee that functions when visitors or missionaries come to the church to speak; we sponsor an Indian boy in the Navajo school; and we have just filled our missionary chest with tupperware for the convenience of our missionaries.

As a missionary to the Jewish people, I look upon the Women's Missionary Council in another way. First of all, if it had not been for this dedicated group of women (nationally), the Brethren Messianic Testimony might not have become a reality. For



eighteen years the Women's Missionary Council has backed this work with their gifts (through the medium of the little "thank offering" banks) and through their prayers. Ladies, have you any idea of what this has meant to us?

Jewish people are somewhat of an enigma to those who have not had much contact with them. They confirm something and the next day they deny what they have confirmed. They will admit they are sinners, but refuse to accept the salvation offered through Jesus Christ. They may say they believe in the Messiah and deny that Messiah is God. In dealing with them we become depressed and discouraged. But—just when we are the most discouraged, your prayers are answered, and we snap back to our work because we are certain the next Jewish person we contact will accept His message. Please, don't ever stop praying for us as well as for the Jewish people. We need it just as much as they. How we do thank you for those prayers! And remember, those of you who pray for us may not be able to contact Jewish people in person, but you are just as much a missionary as those of us who are doing the contacting!

Suppose you had never heard John 3:16 before. Someone quotes it for you, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Almost any Gentile person can understand this simple little verse, but a Jewish person is surprised at the very first part. "For God so loved the world." Well, now, God doesn't bother with his creatures. God is an austere being far removed from the world's problems and sorrows. And certainly He does not care for an individual human being.

Then, "he gave his only begotten Son." Son? How ridiculous! God never had a son. *God is One!* Anyone who has ever been educated knows the myths concerning virgin births; there are hundreds of them from all sorts of cultures. So what is so special about this story? Someone probably dreamed it up just to "convert" Jews.

And, "whosoever believeth in him should not perish"; anyone knows death is perfectly natural and befalls every creature. So make the best of life while you may. Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow *you* may die.

"Have everlasting life?" Fairy stories! There isn't such a thing. It would be nice to have the faith to believe something like that, but it just isn't so. How do I know? I just do, that's all. I'm Jewish.

So, little by little, a Jewish person learns (if he so desires) about God. It takes a long time. Remember how long it took *you*, and you were previously "exposed" to the Bible in some way.

Even after a Jewish person accepts Jesus as his Messiah and even after he admits he is a sinner in need of a sacrifice for that sin, he has a long way to go before he can see the reality of Jesus being God. There is a great gulf in his mind between Jesus as a man and Jesus as God. Your prayers can help.

Then, there is a longer time in which he debates baptism. Your prayers can help.

So, ladies, your prayers and your gifts mean so much to us. You are really "Women Manifesting Christ." But I can also see this slogan as a great challenge for 1968, can't you?

First of all, let us look closely at ourselves. This world of ours is in a sorry mess. Have we fallen down somewhere? Is our flame burning only feebly in this needy world? Do we take too much for granted? Are we too satisfied with our own salvation and with our efforts in our local WMC groups?

I think we will all agree we could do more. The other night we drove to the Sunset Strip in Los Angeles, a street about a mile or two in length connecting Beverly Hills and Hollywood. It was thronged with young people who have never heard our Lord's name except as profanity upon someone's lips. Why are they using drugs, rebelling against life, believing in free love, standing on corners? This scene could be repeated, I'm certain, throughout the United States in large cities and small towns. Ladies, somewhere *we* have failed. We can say it is Satan's fault, or the fault of parents, or the fault of the troubled times—but is it?

Let's make 1968 a year of victory for Christ! Let's honestly evaluate our efforts for the One whom we claim we love! ▼

Pen Pointer Corner

Before ordering Pen Pointers from your national literature secretary, *take inventory.*

Do you know where your supply of Pen Pointers are? Do you know how many you have? Each council should take inventory. Also, each WMC member should look for her own Pen Pointers and return any duplicates. (Look in every purse and in every dresser drawer.)

It is not necessary to have a large supply on hand, except for "What is WMC?" This one is given to all members and prospects for WMC.

From time to time, the Pen Pointers are brought up to date and reprinted, so order only as many as you need.—*Mrs. Leo Polman.* ▼

Where Shall I Work?

"Father, where shall I work today?"
And my love flowed warm and free.
Then He pointed me toward a tiny spot and said,
"Tend that for me."
I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not that!
Why, no one would ever see,
No matter how well my work is done;
Not that little place for me!"
And the word He spoke, it was not stern;
He answered me tenderly:
"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine,
Art thou working for them or for Me?
Nazareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee."

1967-68 Recommended Reading for WMC

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Captive of the Simbas by Margaret Hayes.

God in My Home by Dorothy Haskins.

God Planted Five Seeds by Jean Dye Johnson.

Another WMC Project at Work



Mrs. Thomas Hammers (left) gives check to Rev. Bill Smith.

Each year the national WMC gives 15% of their general fund tithing to some missionary endeavor. The Board of Evangelism, under the direction of Bill Smith, has recently received $833.84 to be used to purchase an electric typewriter and other needed office equipment.

This gift is especially appreciated because the office has only been in existence since September, 1965, and began with no equipment at all.

We are very happy to have a small part in this vital work. ▼

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Africa—

Mr. Albert W. Balzer March 1
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Anne-Claude Waridel March 12, 1963
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SMM IN BRAZIL

IN QUATIPURU

By Imogene Burk

Our SMM group here in Quatipuru is now functioning.

The first-year program includes four Mary and four Martha goals. Our girls earn a shoulder sash and embroidered emblems a little larger than a silver dollar. For learning the points of the merit system, there is the SMM emblem; a church for regular church attendance; a lamp for Scripture memorization; and an open Bible for reading the assigned portions. The Martha goals are sewing (hemming, button holes, mending), hand embroidery, knitting, crocheting, and a nutrition notebook. The latter was prepared by our nurse, Barbara Hulse. Mimeographed sheets of fruits, vegetables, meats, milk, and so on, are given to them to color, cut out, and paste on appropriate pages in a paper-back notebook. Then a simple explanation of the value of each food is copied onto that page. For example, all the citrus fruits are pasted on one page with information about the value of vitamin C.. They get this information in school, but we felt that an extra emphasis in this way might make it more

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SMM IN MACAPA

By Vera Lucia Salvador

It is with pleasure that I write to tell you something of our Society of Mary and Martha. We started this work on August 12, and we already have eleven girls enrolled. Now we are studying some chapters from Luke and some verses from the Psalms. The emblems we are making are sewing and embroidery. *(SMM Editor's note: She means the two Martha goals on which they are currently working.)*

We ask for prayer for this work so that God will bless us. Pray that we will instruct each girl so that she can carry the message of the holy Word of God to those who do not know Christ as their personal Saviour.

I will close this with greetings from each member of the Society of "Maria e Marta." ▼

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IN QUATIPURU

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meaningful. Malnutrition is a serious problem in many homes. Part of it is caused by poverty, but ignorance causes a lot of it, too.

As can be seen, this program does not have the missionary emphasis as the programs in the United States do. Our present emphasis is on their practical needs.

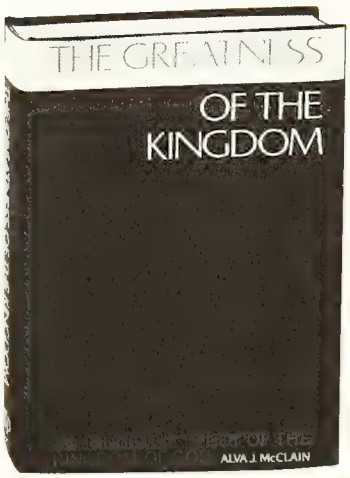
However, there are many opportunities in each local SMM for serving others, such as assisting the pastor's family when the pastor is a national and not a missionary, helping a Bible Institute student, making baby clothes, and so on.

In their weekly meetings the girls lead all the devotional part. Each week a different girl is appointed to lead the music, lead in prayer, and give the Bible lesson.

Thus the girls learn practical things for the household and also practical spiritual things. ▼

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A Hot Loaf of Bread

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only the sacrifice, but the water and even the stones.

I smugly wondered to myself, how Elijah could so soon after such an incredible experience be running into the wilderness from a mere woman. Then I realized that I, at that very moment, was doing the same thing. However, I rationalized that this was the twentieth century and my problem was different. God had never rained fire for me. I quickly discounted the many miracles that flashed through my mind, not the least of which was my only son, whom medical science had unequivocally denied me. I just as promptly filed back into my memory all of the "lion's dens" from which I had been extricated, as well as the many mountains He had tunneled through for me.

That I saw it. That *hot loaf of bread!*

I had read this account many times and found comfort in the fact that God did not lecture Elijah nor rebuke him, but rather allowed him refreshing rest and fed him. I was also aware of the deeper spiritual significance of the bread, which prefigured the One who would become the Bread of Life; as well as the cruse of water, symbol of the Holy Spirit who was not yet given.

Nevertheless, today the "gem" that sparkled from the page for me suddenly took on a twentieth century application. How could I have overlooked it. I had read often of the nourishment God provided for His servant; but it had never before occurred to me that it was not just ordinary bread, but a fresh loaf of *hot* bread still baking on the coals.

My dull senses came alive! Call it imagination, if you like, but it seemed as if the room was filled with the delightful aroma of freshly baked bread.

To me, a busy mother and homemaker, fresh homemade bread is a real luxury and a very special treat; and suddenly that hot loaf of bread became not just a meal for sustenance, but a banquet of God's promises. My thoughts were racing now as I observed God's private "catering service" ministering to His servant, touching him ever so gently to summon him (and me) to the Bread of Life.

"Why, of course," I thought. "God is always like that."

He had not led Elijah into that wilderness, but neither had he left him because of it; instead He continued to supply the "exceedingly abundant" in spite of Elijah's questioning.

Perhaps my imagination ran away with me at this point, but I was very sure there was butter on the bread, honey to go with it, and surely there was ice in the cruse of water. My heart literally danced, my spirit took wings, and the problem that had loomed so large moments ago became rather obscure.

It was now so very clear!

The Bread of Life was mine already (John 6:35), and the cruse of water was even now "rivers of living water" springing up within (John 7:38). It was only my anxiety that had blocked the flow for the moment. I should have known that the problem with which God had trusted me was for my own good.

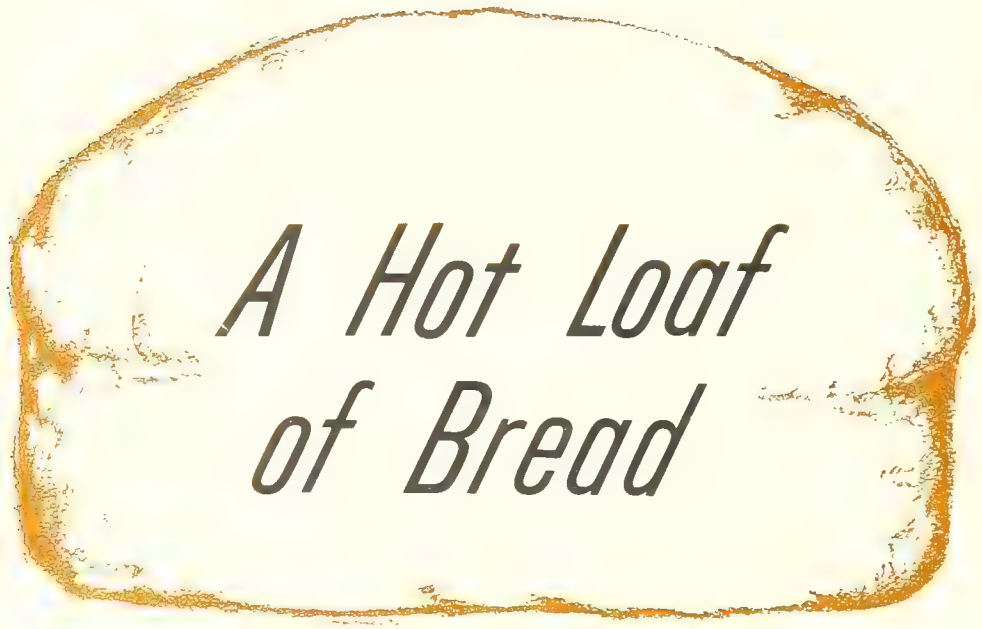
So, I quietly broke from the loaf once more and recalled with thanksgiving the words of the Psalmist, "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him" (Ps. 34:8).

No words could adequately describe what took place in my heart that day. Let it suffice to say there were no cataclysmic changes, but rather a quiet realization that *He* was all I needed and that now I was totally His. His love truly permeated my whole being, and in perfect peace I could rest in Him.

With a deep sense of shame I looked again at the worn and marked pages that I had turned so reluctantly earlier. Yet, God in His compassion did not deny me that hot loaf of bread even though my appetite had been dulled by fear and frustration.

This precious experience was mine more than a year ago now, and the problem which took me to the "juniper tree" has not been resolved. However, the fragrance of the hot loaf of bread is very prevalent and the supply, as always, inexhaustible. The moment by moment refreshment of the Living Water is continually mine, and the problem is His. ▼

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A Hot Loaf of Bread

By Mrs. Mardell C. Smith

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

It was Monday morning, and I sighed wearily as I picked up my Bible and a cup of coffee for my usual morning devotional time. However, if I were to be absolutely honest, I would have to admit that instead of desiring devotions, I found myself under the "juniper tree" demanding an answer from God for a distressing, rather serious problem that perplexed me. The proverbial rug had been pulled out from under me, and I was daring to ask why. How often I had counseled others not to question, but to fly to the Word of God for help; and so today I would literally force myself to practice what I preached. Ordinarily, I would have turned to the New Testament, or perhaps the Psalms or Proverbs; but somehow, almost without my knowledge, I found myself in the eighteenth and nineteenth chapters of I Kings, identifying with Elijah.

I read the familiar account of Elijah's contest on Mount Carmel with the prophets of Baal. I smiled at his chiding them to pray louder and teasing that their God might be asleep or away. Then again, I noted the phenomenal manifestation of God's power as He answered Elijah with fire from heaven, consuming not

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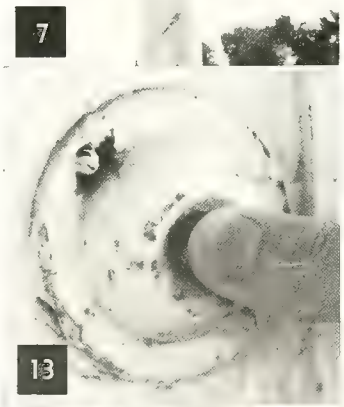
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The Editor Speaks . . . By Clyde K. Landrum

A King-Size Package

"Bring your grandma, bring your grandpa, bring your mother and dad."

It makes us smile as we sing this chorus, but the people in the Christian Education Department are 100 percent serious as they stress this and other themes in an effort to get the job done in Sunday school and other areas of their sphere of service.

All of which reminds us of the successful Christian Education Convention with its well-planned and well-executed program at the last national conference. This convention was a real boost in tuning the hearts of the delegates to sing God's praise through the week of national conference. This, coupled with the fine youth conference with its great climactic Saturday night youth service, bears testimony to the fact that things are happening in the Christian Education Department. There was evidence aplenty of the fact that the combining of the Sunday School Board and the National Youth Board into the Department of Christian Education was a good move.

In combining the two boards, national conference handed to the new department a "king-size" package of responsibilities. Theirs is indeed a big job. But the Lord will guide their staff, and we look for good things in the future.

It is encouraging to see the Department of Christian Education getting under way with the responsibility for the Christian day-school movement so soon. For too long we have failed to come up with a plan to effectively promote this very important ministry! We dare not neglect the training of our children in schools that are Christian. The new department is to be congratulated for their efforts in this direction, and we wish them success in the work. However, we of the denominational membership must not leave all the work to this department of the church. In addition to putting our children into Christian schools, we should work toward starting *more* Christian schools. We need to encourage our young people to train for service as teachers in such schools. And we need to work with Grace College in training them in this high calling. Furthermore, we should stand with The Brethren Missionary Herald Company in efforts to produce textbooks for Christian schools.

A warning needs to be sounded at this point. It is fine to say, "You are doing a good job," but we must go on and say, "and we are with you in it." Let us not forget that success for the Christian Education Department will depend upon how well we carry out our responsibility on the local level. Sunday school, youth work, camps, Christian schools, and all the rest must involve people on the local church level. We can be taught, we can be encouraged, and we can be helped by the Christian Education Department. But there comes a point at which we must do our share of the job. And one final word: We should joyfully enter into the program of support of the department as we are instructed. There is a plan for giving to that support. May the Lord keep us faithful in doing our part. ▼

1968 Youth Week theme

THEME:



Growth of a Mustard Seed

By Rev. Gerald Teeter

Our faith was small, but it grew—and so did the Gay Street Brethren Church at Hagerstown, Maryland. God has challenged us from His Word that He is able and that He delights in people walking by faith. To be sure, this faith of ours has not always been as strong as it should have been, and at times we could almost hear the Lord saying, "How little faith you have! Why did you doubt?" However, every step of faith taken by this congregation, God has honored; and we are confident that if more such steps had been taken, the self-supporting victory could have been realized much earlier.

The "mustard seed" faith began with the first service of the congregation in the home of one of our members on July 29, 1956. As the "seed" began to swell, other homes were contacted to house the Sunday-school classes, and soon the group purchased a business building for a meeting place. At the district conference of the Mid-Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches in May of the following year, a new church was accepted —the Gay Street Brethren Church.

Soon the "mustard seed" had grown into production, and by faith the congregation called William E. Howard for their first pastor. Rev. Howard served for a period of five years, and under his leadership many fruits of the faith of the congregation were manifested. In May, 1961, ground was broken for a new building; and less than one year later, on March 11, 1962, a new building was dedicated to the Lord.

The new building was erected by the Brethren Construction Crew and supervised by Mr. Don Sellers. A number of the men of the congregation joined the Crew members in helping to expedite completion of the building and to further help in keeping the cost of the building down to a minimum. It was a time of great blessing and fellowship during the construction days.

Rev. Jerry Young, while a student in Grace Seminary, ministered to the church in the summer of 1963; and Rev. William Wiles also assisted in the church's early days.

It was November, 1963, when we arrived on the field here and began our ministry. We have seen the congregation continuing in a gradual growth pattern. Taking forward steps of faith and seeing the Lord uphold the congregation has been a challenge and has resulted in larger steps from time to time.

One such time was when the steady growth placed a demand upon the church to increase its facilities. The financial picture did not warrant further indebtedness, and the church went to The Brethren Home Missions Council for help. The help that came was advice that the church add to their building as they were able to "pay as you build." This I am sure shook the faith of our people, for it was comparable to a "Red Sea" before them. But God had prepared our people for this very time. He had seen us through before, and they were willing to step forth. This step proved to be one of the greatest spiritual blessings we have experienced to date. We knew God was directing, and plans were made to add to our building on a "pay as you build" basis.

It probably took a little longer to build this new unit, but God blessed abundantly, and we were able to dedicate this new unit debt free and at a cost of less than $10 per square foot. The Lord provided all the various skills needed through our men who volunteered their time.

Thus the faith that started out the size of a "mustard seed" was growing larger. One big step successfully taken led to another, and to go "self-supporting" was the biggest one left. The church voted to take this step; and on Sunday, January 7, 1968, we



Rev. Gerald Teeter and his wife.

Faith seemed small but it grew. And so did the Gay Street Church



"Pay as you build" addition being constructed.

celebrated "Victory Sunday," with Rev. Lester E. Pifer, secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, as our special speaker.

Our main interest is in the spiritual welfare of those God sends our way. We definitely asked the Lord for some new families last year. He answered our prayers, and with joy we share with you the testimonies of some of our new people.

"We thank the Lord for a Bible-preaching church and are indeed thankful that the Lord led us to visit at the Gay Street Brethren Church. We were very hungry for spiritual food, for our own church was starving us. We found this in our first Sunday night service and longed for more. At this time serious sickness came to our family, and we found more spiritual blessing with a pastor who visits and prays for the sick. We also learned that other members of the church were praying for this sick one, and prayers were answered. Later we visited in the Sunday school and morning worship. Here we found a real blessing among dedicated Christians. Through many prayers a mother and son have been born again. We have been truly blessed and want to serve the Lord as He wills. We want to go all the way for our Lord—new birth, baptism and becoming members of a church that teaches and preaches the true way of salvation."—*Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore and Darryl*

The following testimony is from a young man recently inducted in the service:

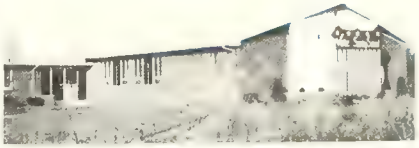
"There are many reasons why Gay Street Brethren Church has meant so much to me. One is the love and fellowship in which the people greeted me. It has also given me a better understanding of the Bible and my responsibility as a Christian. It has given me an opportunity to work in the church and also in the Lord's work. As a young person it has given me help in my Christian life from its adult leaders. The most important reason this church means so much to me is because it has given me the truth from the Word of God. Now as a serviceman, it gives me prayer support and also encouragement from its people. Pastor Teeter has given me advice and encouragement as a young Christian in many of my decisions."—*Larry Hose*

With sincere appreciation in our hearts we say "thank you" to the Mid-Atlantic District Mission Board which has underwritten a portion of the pastor's salary for several years and to The Brethren Home Missions Council for direction and financial aid. Our prayer is that we will be obedient to every step of faith He makes known to us until His church is complete and He comes in the air to receive us unto himself. "For without faith it is impossible to please God." ▼

Below: The Gay Street congregation in front of the original building.



Testimonies from the congregation tell the story.



A growing Sunday school necessitated this addition.



He Joins His "Pastor"

A boy who accepted Christ in a home-missions church fourteen years ago is now the newest member of the Brethren Architectural Service. Lawrence J. Wentz joined the staff as an architectural draftsman in November.

Larry was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he later accepted Christ as Saviour and was baptized at the Riverside Brethren Church. At that time the Riverside church was a new home-missions church under the ministry of Rev. Ralph Hall. Larry's father, Joseph P. Wentz, was the contractor who built the Riverside church building.

Soon afterward the Wentz family moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and became affiliated with the Grace Brethren Church there. Larry continued his education and graduated from Stranahan High School in 1962. Two weeks later he married his high-school sweetheart, Merrilee Benore, who was also a member of the Fort Lauderdale church. He then began working as an architectural draftsman for architect Arthur H. Rude.

Larry has worked as an architectural draftsman for about six years. For two years he worked with a Washington, D. C., firm, which designed several of the U. S. government buildings and also did some remodeling of the Capitol Building.

For the past three years Larry and Merrilee have been active members of the Grace Brethren Church of Margate, Florida. They have two sons: Larry Joe, age 4; and Denny, age one year.

For several months Larry felt a strong desire to serve the Lord by designing churches, and now he is at Winona Lake, Indiana, doing just that. It is interesting that the pastor who baptized him is now his "boss" as they serve together designing Brethren churches.—*Ralph C. Hall* ▼



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STIRRINGS ON THE PLAINS



Omaha, Nebraska, on the west bank of the "mighty Missouri" river, is hailed proudly by its inhabitants as the place where the West begins. It is not uncommon to see members of the Indian race on its streets, and people wearing cowboy hats and boots in its restaurants. Omaha also boasts of the largest livestock market in the world, and Nebraska has earned the title of "The Beef State."

Paradoxically, Omaha is quite sophisticated, with a well-known art museum and its own symphony orchestra. Omaha University, Creighton University, Bellevue College, and Grace Bible Institute are among its schools of higher learning. A considerable amount of industry is carried on in the city, and nearby is the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command. It is the largest and probably the fastest-growing city in the state.

Since the first Brethren organizational meeting in Germantown, Pennsylvania, in 1723, our fellowship, due to bountiful blessing from God, has developed in such a way that Brethren congregations are found in towns and cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

On September 13, 1967, a small group of believers united in Omaha to form another church. This "beginning" of a new Brethren group in a city in the Midwest will serve as another link in the chain of churches which stretches from coast

to coast.

In His good providence, the Lord provided a church building (which had been closed by another denomination), located in a heavily populated metropolitan area, one block from an urban artery on which an estimated 24,000 cars pass daily, and four blocks from a high school where 2,500 students attend. On the other end of the school property is a junior high school.

The building, now being used by the Omaha Brethren, was contructed in 1928 on a good-sized lot and can hold about 200 people in the main auditorium.

The wheels of activity began to move in August, 1966, when two families then unknown to each other moved into the area. By means of a long series of circumstances, God led His people together, and others moved in to join them. A part of the process was the beginning of a Bible class in the Fogle home in February, 1967. This class has produced much fruit.



Omaha congregation.

There are good prospects for additional members, and the Omaha Brethren are looking forward to official recognition by the Iowa District of Brethren Churches at their conference in June, 1968, and by national conference this coming August.

The Brethren Home Missions Council and the Iowa District Mission Board have been behind this effort from the outset and have given appreciable encouragement. Acceptance as a home mission point by this arm of our denomination has already been granted.



Omaha church building.

Your prayers are solicited for this new work, and if any Brethren in other parts of the USA would feel led to move to our area in order to "get in on the ground floor" of a new church, they would receive a warm welcome—Western-style.

To God be the glory! Great things He has done!—*P. Frederick Fogle* ▼

...And New Look at Winona

Before...



...After



The Grace Brethren church of Winona, Minnesota, has a new look. The project of remodeling the exterior and interior of the church, started more than a year ago, is now completed.

Most of the construction work was done by the Reverend Donald W. Farner, pastor of this home-missions church, and by volunteer workers.

During the last two months of 1967, Pastor Farner took a leave of absence from his job, trusting the Lord for support, so that he could spend full time in the final stages of construction.

Aiding Rev. Farner in the work were members of the church, pastors and laymen from the Iowa District of Brethren Churches, and Rev. Farner's two sons, who are also pastors. Donald G. Farner is pastor of the Opportunity Brethren Church, Spokane, Washington, and Timothy Farner is assistant pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Included in the new look are additional Sunday-school rooms, a pastor's study, a large annex with a double entry, rest rooms, a furnace room, and storage space.

The remodeling of the sanctuary includes pews, pulpit, carpet, new ceiling, baptistry, sound system, new lighting fixtures, and panelled front.

Yes, the remodeling is over; but to the pastor and congregation of the Grace Brethren Church at Winona, it's more than shiny new fixtures—it's the story of sacrifice. ▼

"Tsoros"

By Isobel Fraser

"Tsoros" is the Jewish word for troubles. As you well know, troubles are not peculiar to the Jewish people. In Job 5:7 we find this statement: "Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward." We each have our own bag of troubles to carry. However, the blessing on our part is that we have accepted the Burden-bearer. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (I Peter 5:7).

Through times of "tsoros" we have opportunity to present the Lord Jesus Christ as the answer to the needs. Hearts are often more open to counseling. In fact, this is when we are called upon to come and give comfort rather than having to seek opportunity to present the gospel.

One morning Mrs. W— phoned. She felt that life was worthless; she was miserable. Could I come? Because of previous commitments I could not go right then, but I made arrangements to go at noon.

Though Mrs. W— is a widow, from a worldly standpoint she is comfortably situated. She does not have to work, but wants to do so because time hangs heavily on her hands. That day she confessed the lack of satisfaction in material things and in social affairs. Several months previously she had taken a trip to the Orient—only to see Buddhist shrines! What she wanted was peace of heart.

To have this peace of heart that only God can give, she needed first to have peace with God. From the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, God's requirements were pointed out to her. Sin was the problem, but God had the remedy in Christ Jesus, who is the Messiah. His substitutionary death and His deity were shown. She has been influenced somewhat by Christian Science which adds to her spiritual blindness. She was very receptive to the Word and permitted me to have prayer with her. I tried to encourage her to read the Bible without the Christian Science meditations and permit the Lord to speak to her heart.

Previously Mrs. W— had attended our luncheon discussion meetings, but her new job now prevents this. Last week I invited her to our Wednesday night Bible class. She hesitated but promised to give it consideration. I feel that the main obstacle is fear of what others will think; for even as we discussed the Bible in her apartment, she asked that we not let others hear us.

Mrs. S— expressed a desire to talk with me. Because of a personal incident, she felt guilty. In our talk I explained that our sin against people is also a sin against God. His judgment upon sin is death, but in His love and mercy He has paid the penalty. Isaiah 53 was read. The deity of Christ, which made it possible for Him to be our substitute, was shown from the Old and New Testaments. The means of receiving forgiveness through accepting Christ and the resultant new birth were considered from the Gospel of John. She said that she understood what was shown to her from the Word.

On the basis of her understanding, I asked her if she would be willing to accept Christ as Saviour and God. She said that she was not ready to do so yet. I am particularly concerned for her, as she has already had several operations for cancer.

Mrs. E— began attending our meetings last spring. Eleven years ago she was in an automobile accident which put her in the hospital for three years and left her permanently misshapen and physically weak. She asked me to come and talk with her.

That evening we spent three hours together. Mrs. E— readily listened to the scriptural presentation. This was all new to her. She was not ready to make any decision, but the seed had been sown and future watering needs to be done.

Mrs. I—, the sister-in-law of one of our Hebrew Christians, has been involved in Christian Science for over forty years. Her husband follows this false teaching too, but is not a member of the church. Recently her husband had an infection, but would not accept medical help. The infection broke out into a running sore, and he deteriorated physically to skin and bones.

Ann and her husband tried to encourage Mrs. I—'s husband to go to a doctor. Rev. Button also called on him. Finally in desperation Mrs. I— put him in the hospital.

Ann and I visited Mr. I— in the hospital. We were unable to say much to him, though we were allowed to have a word of prayer for him. We took Mrs. I— home with us; and as we drove along, we had a wonderful opportunity to witness.

Mrs. I— wondered why her belief satisfied her when things went well, but in times of trouble, it did not. This is the real test of one's belief. Man may have his own ideas regarding God; but to be acceptable before Him, we must meet His requirements. If we want God's help, we must come to Him on His terms!

The sin problem was presented to her and the payment for sin through the death of the Messiah, who had to be God himself. She said that if her husband regained his health, she would give further consideration to these things. Since then her husband has improved enough to leave the hospital. We are praying that God will deal and that she will keep her promise.

"Tsoros!" "Tsoros!" These are just a few whose troubles have opened the door to the ministering of the Word. In the future may each of these precious souls be able to testify as did David, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes" (Ps. 119:71). ▼

PASTOR—

Your Faith Is Showing

Abraham, the man of God, was characterized by his faith. The Bible declares in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews that Abraham answered the call of God by faith. He obeyed the beckoning hand of God by faith not knowing where he would go. He dwelt in a strange land by faith. He looked for a city which had foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith Sarah, his wife, conceived and bore him a child, a miracle of God at her age. Abraham trusted God and believed that a nation which would be numbered as the sands of the sea or as the stars of the heaven would one day be a reality.

One of the finest compliments that could ever be paid to a man of God was ordered by the Holy Spirit through the pen of the apostle Paul: "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform" (Rom. 4:20-21).

There is a striking parallel between the ministry of Abraham and that of the pastor of a church. The pastor, like Abraham, must also have his heart tuned to the call of God. By faith he must answer and obey the call of God and go to a "strange land." He must trust God for the minute as well as for the major needs along the way, expecting God to perform the miracle. He must believe that God will build the "city" or Christian community wherein he shall minister and experience the blessing of God upon his people.

There are some dangerous pitfalls in the ministry. A man may feel that no other minister has as difficult a situation or so little help. Utter loneliness may almost overwhelm the soul because his faith is lacking in the presence of God. There was no question about the reality of God in Abraham's mind. The alacrity with which he responded gives evidence of Abraham's faith in the direction of God. The Bible says, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). The man of God must believe that He is. The reality and presence of God is vital to the establishment of an abiding faith in the heart. Herein lies the greatest antidote to the maladay of loneliness.

Limiting God to our human resources is another frequent pitfall of the servant of God. We are so prone to think in terms of our wisdom, our energy, our talent, and our potential that we fail to believe in a God of the impossible. Coupled along with the acceptance of the presence of God is the vital truth "that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Elsewhere in Hebrews we read, "Be not slothful but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." We must face the fact that Satan is determined to keep our eyes off God and upon men. Abraham was not so thwarted, for "he staggered not at the promises of God." God's servants must be on the front line of the battle of faith, leading the

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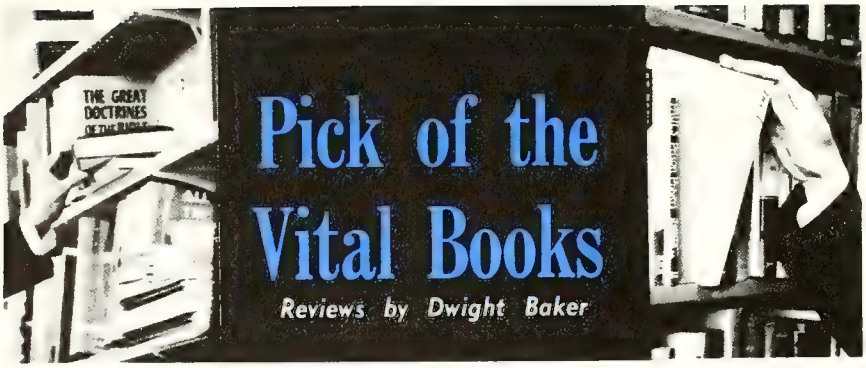
way, claiming the promises of God, and accepting the revelation of God's ability as the grounds of faith.

A third pitfall is the sin of latency. This is the quality or condition of allowing something to be hidden or concealed within a person or thing—a quality of power yet unrevealed. Abraham's faith was manifested in every phase of his life and ministry. His life radiated with expectency from God. He believed God. He laid hold upon the promises of God. He became a pioneer by faith. "He looked for a city . . . whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10). Embodied in our salvation and Christian life is the dynamic of faith, the power of God. The apostle Peter proclaims, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises" (II Pet. 1:2-4). One of the major fruits of the Spirit is faith. Is this not the realm of our sin of latency? Where is our faith in the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's will in our ministry?

People of this modern day are ready for a challenge. They want to follow a leader who has high aims and goals. The minister of the gospel must have his soul anchored to God in faith. He must believe that God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." He must convey to his constituency that he is a man of faith. God is ready to reward such faith with the bestowal of His blessing as promised. *Pastor, your faith will be shown to a congregation that will delight to follow your pathway of fruitfulness!*

The Gay Street Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Maryland, going self-supporting is a fine illustration of faith on the part of pastor and congregation. This congregation has been faithful in its witness and soul-winning. Last year these people desired to build a new addition to their Sunday-school facilities. The directors of The Brethren Home Missions Council did not favor additional indebtedness and turned down the request. They were challenged to keep up regular payments on their present facilities, to launch out by faith and build their own annex, and to pay for it over and above their regular giving. Discouragement claimed no victory, but faith triumphed and an annex resulted through the work of a united people who trusted God.

This congregation was blessed by God. They passed the hurdle of a building campaign, and are now able to assume the role of a self-supporting church along with the additional expense involved. Rev. Gerald Teeter, the pastor, played a major role in leading this congregation on to greater heights by faith. The rewards of a congregation in spiritual maturity, numerical growth, and financial stability are wonderful. May God give us more Abrahams in the pastoral ministry. ▼



Set Forth Your Case: Studies in Christian Apologetics

Clark H. Pinnock (Nutley, New Jersey: The Craig Press, 1967), paper, 93 pages, $1.50.

What do George Orwell, textual criticism of the New Testament, Mantovani, psychedelic art, the Huxley family, tongue-speaking, Jean-Paul Sartre, and the First Amendment have in common? One thing at least, for Clark Pinnock presents them all as contributing to an understanding of the Christian's present task of apologetics.

This is the finest popular presentation of contemporary defense of the faith to appear in many years. It is vitally important reading for college students, seminary students, and all laymen with any training or reading background in theological issues.

Dr. Pinnock's book is not a review or critique of various Christian systems of apologetics, as, for example, those of Van Til, Carnell, or C. S. Lewis. Neither is it a source book of apologetical materials or arguments in which evidences for the truth of Christianity are catalogued or compiled from prophecy, archaeology, and so forth. Nor is the book itself a direct essay in apologetics, addressing the unbeliever in an effort to persuade him to see the truth of the gospel. It is a little of all of these, however, in the course of setting forth to Christians the need for and the basic character of apologetics as it must be practiced today.

"A sound grasp of apologetics is an indispensable tool for evangelism. From philosopher to peasant the same questions are asked which differ only in the degree of sophistication. An intelligent Christian ought to be able to point up the flaws in a non-Christian position and to present facts and arguments which tell in favor of the gospel." Following this quote from page 7, Pinnock accurately and excitingly presents the fundamental questions which men are asking today and then just as effectively shows the framework within which the Biblical answers may best be offered.—*John Renick*

Are the Heathen Really Lost?

Dick Hillis (Chicago: Moody Press, 1961), paper, 63 pages, 29¢.

Can a God whose essence is love justly condemn to eternal lostness those who have never heard the message of His grace? An outstanding missionary seeks to answer this question. Finding that reason alone raises more problems than it solves, he directs the reader to the teaching of God's Word.

Though the Biblical word "heathen" designates all who are not Jews, and though the heathen of America are no more righteous than those of Africa, the word "heathen" refers in popular usage to those who have never been exposed to the gospel.

Are they lost?

First, in spite of the spiritual darkness of their existence, they are not totally without light. God's invisible perfections are revealed through His visible creation; moreover, the heathen's conscience places a moral value on his misdeeds, so that he has no excuse when he sins.

Further, men are lost by personal choice. No man really seeks God, even though God's pardon is for all men, and God gives all men some kind of a witness of His existence. Because of man's depravity, true salvation must originate from God. Though many of the problems raised baffle the human intellect, we must not question God's purposes, for we can be sure of two things: God is love, and God is just.

Finally, if we should say that the heathen are not lost, much of the New Testament would be senseless: the coming of Christ, His teachings, His death and resurrection, and especially His great command that the Good News be proclaimed to *every* man. Lostness is man left to himself. It is, in the words of Voltaire, to be "abandoned by God and men."

Some readers seeking a more technical treatment of this subject will be disappointed—many of their questions will remain unanswered. Further, others will feel that the author never really comes to grips with the important passages of Romans 1 to 3 concerning the heathen. Many would not infer from Romans 1:18 that God "has planted in the heart of every man the germ of spiritual truth."

Few Christians, however, would dare disagree with the conclusions of this booklet. The heathen *are* lost, and we are to tell them how to be saved. I believe the purpose of the author is ably achieved—to stir Christians who are frightfully immune to the true spiritual condition of the heathen to a deeper consciousness of their obligations to missions.—*Tom Julien*

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Just Beyond the Doorbell

Reactions were varied as students used the new BMH tract by Dean Risser, "Have You Heard About God's Gift"

"Here I am standing in front of a stranger's door. What am I doing here? I'm scared to death, and I can think of a dozen good reasons for letting someone else do this door-to-door witnessing. Lord Jesus, help me now to know what to say and how to say it. Quiet my heart, Lord, and use your Word to reach these people with your good news of salvation." As the doorbell rings, these are the thoughts that race through my mind along with a silent prayer. It is of some comfort to know that four hundred and ninety-nine other students and faculty members are doing the same thing I am doing. "Man, if everybody does his job, the city of Portland, Oregon, will receive something like 25,000 gospel tracts this week."

My thoughts are interrupted as the door opens and a housewife asks, "Yes?" "My name is Bill Thomas and this is Nancy Callahan. We are students at Multnomah School of the Bible and are calling in your neighborhood as a part of our school's annual 'tract week.' Have you heard about God's wonderful gift?"

"I'm very busy this morning, and besides, we have our own church."

"We aren't here to represent any church, but we would like to share with you what Jesus Christ means to us. Do you have a few minutes so that we could talk to you about Him?"

"Well, I guess so. But like I said, we have our own church and we are



not interested in changing."

"That's fine. Many people today are not as fortunate as you are and are living as if God did not exist. Let me show you something that may be of real interest to you."

As this last statement is made, the student begins to share a copy of the tract, "Have You Heard About God's Gift?" In this particular case the young housewife was most receptive to the Word of God and placed her trust in Christ when she was asked if she would like to do so.

In the course of "tract week" thousands of similar conversations were initiated. Some resulted in salvation, others were terminated without any visible decision. The Word was sown in some 25,000 homes in the City of Roses, and we believe there will be eternal results.

Is this tract ministry really worth the effort? This question was asked by some of the students and has been unconsciously asked by many church members. Our Saviour used the illustration of the sower in the fourth chapter of Mark not only to illustrate the responsiveness of various types of soil, but also to remind His disciples of the need for the sower to be about his business of sowing the Word. If you expect a crop, you must sow the seed.

It has been pointed out in recent years that evangelical churches have fallen into the snare of institutionalism. Christians in these churches have come to think only in terms of running the machinery of the church, and occasionally inviting a non-Christian to church where the pastor is expected to be the evangelist and bring him to Christ. It is even possible for the pastor of a church to take on this same mental attitude. His chief concerns then become membership, program, edifice, and finances.

In his book, *"Manual of the Nameless Movement,"* Dr. Masumi Toyotome describes what he calls, "paratroop evangelism." The principle is a simple one, yet there is a price to pay, also. Paratroop evangelism calls for key men in the church to be trained as dedicated soul winners and then for these men to go out into the world outside the church walls and win men. They, in turn, train new converts to do as they are doing and thus keep alive the evangelistic fervor of the church.

At Multnomah we are seeking to train soldiers for the conflict—men and women who have learned how to confront the non-Christian world with the gospel by bringing it to them where they are. To accomplish this there are not only two "tract weeks" every school year, but there are special courses offered where actual lab experience in personal soul-winning is a part of the course.

Is it worthwhile to distribute God's Word in the form of tracts? We must answer with a resounding, "Yes!" Men and women are not only won to Christ in this way, but the printed message continues to do its work long after the messenger leaves.

We are reminded by the apostle Paul that evangelism is the sum total of believers working together in their place of witness and God giving the increase (I Cor. 3:6-7). ▼



"but there's practically no harm in this at all."

by ethel barrett

There were a couple of characters in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" who fell into the trap. Their names were Christian and Hopeful, and they were walking along the King's Highway, following their guidebook (the Word of God) when they spotted a delightful little stile that led over the fence and into a meadow. And what a meadow! Grass like a putting green, a little brook, flowers and shade—birds and butterflies—it looked perfect!

"Let's go over," said Christian. "But it takes us off the road"—Hopeful was not too sure. "But," said Christian, "it goes right alongside the main highway as far as you can see—and it looks like ever so much more fun." So they scrambled over the stile.

It did seem harmless enough. And it was very pleasant. Just as pleasant as it had looked, and more so.

After they'd walked along awhile the meadow veered a bit, just slightly off course, very subtly. They did not notice. They were too happy. Then the grass began to get tough and sparse. The brook had disappeared sometime before. There were no more birds or butterflies. And they began to stumble over stones at first, then rocks. They did not notice. They were too busy. Then the sun went down and it got dark—and great pits began to appear and it began to rain. Then they noticed. They were way off course and the pleasant meadow had turned into something dreadful and it was dark and the way was dangerous and they were frightened and wanted to go back—but it was too late. They could not find their way.

Whatever idea you might be flirting with, if it takes you off the main highway it is not harmless no matter how harmless it looks.

If you have any doubts about doing it—DON'T. For as surely as God's in heaven, the picture will subtly change . . . and you'll find your pleasant meadow is a trap.

Where's your yardstick? It's in the Bible. " . . . for the ways of the Lord are right" (Hos. 14:9). The statutes of the Lord are right" (Ps. 19:8).

Yes, there IS a way that "seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is death" (Prov. 16:25). ▼

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The Honor

"Local Teen-ager Honored
for Bravery"

This was the headline that splashed across the morning newspaper in recognition of a young man who had defended some of his friends by killing the leader of a mob of hoods.

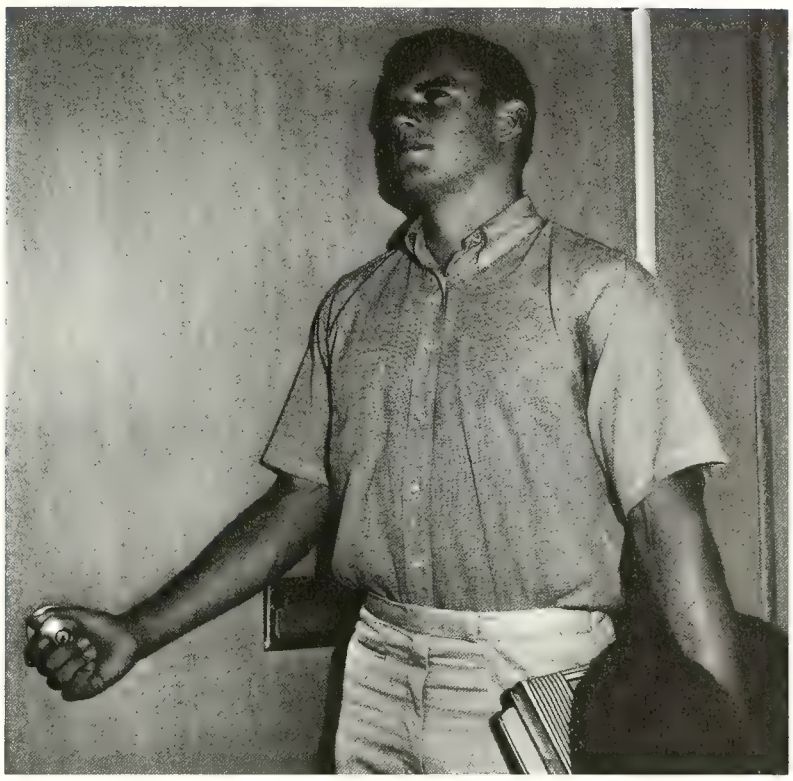
In an exclusive interview shortly after the incident, the teen-ager was asked to explain what had happened. He replied, "Well these guys from across town come over looking for a fight. As they jumped out of their rods and started for us, one of them yelled at us that he would take on any one of us. They stopped, and he stepped out in front. He was really big! We all started looking at each other, but nobody said a word. All of us knew what would happen if we tried to fight him. We could see that big switchblade in his hand. After what seemed like hours, I spoke up and said that I would take him on. My friends thought I was out of my head, because I was about the smallest one of us. They tried to talk me out of it, but I didn't listen to them. I stepped out, and he began to laugh. I was ready for him; and before he knew what was happening, I let him have it. He went down like a ton of bricks. When the rest of them saw what happened, they took off. And that's about all there was to it."

This incident could have taken place in almost any city in the United States, but it did not. It could have been an article in the "Bethlehem Journal" about 3,000 years ago. For a more detailed account, read I Samuel chapter 17.

What does it take for a young person like yourself to make an impact upon the world as David made a "impression" (excuse the pun) in th head of Goliath? In this day of co fusion, turmoil, double standards, b terness, and unrest it is most difficu for young people to zero in on som of the real important issues of lif I would like to suggest four thin that enabled David to make his IM PACT.

David was the youngest of fo brothers. The three older brothe were fighting with King Saul, a David was taking care of the shee He was working. When his fath told him to take some food to h brothers on the front lines, there the indication of instant *obedienc* David could have answered, "A Dad, that's twenty miles down where they are fighting, and besid my favorite TV program is on tom

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." This is why he was in the right at the right time. He obeyed his er without a lot of quibbling.

David had a *concern*. Here stood eathen, godless man defying the y of the living God. He was about make slaves of David's people. at was David going to do? Was going to stand there as the others done for forty days, or was he g to put forth an effort to relieve situation? The idea of involve- t came into play. David was will- to become involved, because some- g he believed in and had convic- s about was in danger. He could stand idly by and see his friends the cause of the Lord brought to at and dishonor. This concern elled him forth into the thick of conflict.

David could hardly believe his eyes and ears. Here was this blasphemer of God standing there defying God's people, and no one was doing anything about it. His deep *trust* in God made him unafraid in the face of overwhelming odds. To the human eye this must have been a pretty silly picture. A teen-age shepherd boy with a bag, a wooden rod, and a sling standing up to a nine-foot warrior whose armor weighed 200 pounds and who was carrying a spear with a head that weighed twenty-five pounds. David told this Philistine, "Today the Lord is going to hand you over to me and I will cut off your head and feed you to the birds together with your entire army so that everyone will know there is a God of Israel." You will also remember that Saul tried to get David to take his armor, but David discarded it because he had never tried it or tested it before. He told Saul, "The Lord has delivered me before and He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine."

One last observation of the teenager, David. His victory was not just a "flash-in-the-pan" type of thing. The *obedience* to his father, his *concern* for others, and his deep *trust* in God for victory was a result of his constant and close *fellowship* with his Lord. His praise and worshipful meditations are recorded in the Psalms. When David found himself in difficulty or facing a problem, he did not frantically push the "spirituality button." He lived with his finger on the "spirituality button" all the time.

You too can make an impact on the world! David did. And he had to stand alone to do it. ▼

Confession of a Pastor to the Now Generation

By Lewis C. Hohenstein

I find that I have a real problem, young people; it is simply this: How can a "square" like I am, communicate to a group of "swingers" like you? Believe it or not, this occupies a lot of my thinking time. I find that I envy your zest for life, your boundless energy, and your reaching to find reality in the "way out" things. I am sure that what I say must sound musty to your sharp young minds. I don't wonder that you tune me out.

I must seem very ancient to you, but I'm not so old that I don't remember that my parents thought I had "flipped" when I brought home a record to play on the Victrola (that's a record player in case you wondered), and they heard, "And the music goes down and round, wo-ee wo-ee-wo and it comes out here. . . ." Yes, they thought our generation had gone to the dogs. Really, we were just expressing what we *were* in a new way. When my parents sang, "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair," it was probably risque to their parents—and so it goes.

No, young people, you are not really worse than we were; we were not worse than our parents, and they weren't worse than theirs. The difficulty has arisen because you have a freedom and the means to express what you *are* in more overt and often more destructive ways than we ever had. The disciplines that held us in check have, in many cases, been removed; and you, like us, have taken advantage of the broken fences of discipline and have feasted in new fields. We ate of the forbidden things in our age and lived to learn that it doesn't satisfy.

Time changes things. Our society is different; there are more things to attract and occupy us, and there are greater possibilities for good and greater possibilities for evil. But man doesn't change, and you are very much as we were when we were teenagers. Though we are in a changing world, our basic nature and our basic needs remain about the same. Not only do we not change, but the answer to those needs and ambitions of ours does not change either. There are principles that are eternal. When David, or Daniel, or Isaiah were teenagers, the chariot speed limit was different from the speed limit for our chariots, but the underlying principle was the same. Many things in your generation must be controlled that didn't exist in mine, but the principles of control are the same.

I, like you, found that my appetite for things soon controlled me instead of me controlling it. And try as I might, in the end I always lost the battle. When I was a young man, I knew that somehow the control of my life had to be given over to another if I were to know peace and joy. It was then that I turned my life over to Christ who, I learned, had purchased it with His own life. It was then that those principles of control were applied to my life through a knowledge of His Word and by the power of the Holy Spirit. That first summer I read the New Testament through seven times. I have found that each day I must turn the control of this life over to Him.

Have you relinquished the control of your life? Try it. And don't forget —most of us pastors are still seeking better ways to communicate to you. If you get any ideas, let us know. ▼

YOUTH HONORED

The youth of our nation are being honored and highlighted during the week of January 28 to February 4. In many of our churches the young people will be assuming places of responsibility, conducting special activities, and using their talents and abilities for the glory of God. Make it a point to express to them how much we appreciate them and that we are praying for them, but do not let it stop there. May we continue to encourage them throughout the year. Our young people need reassurance from their elders. In a day when the world has devised every conceivable means to lure youth away from Christ, we need to be diligent in upholding them. Remember the youth of your church.



LATIN AMERICA SCRAPBOOK

The "traveling mike" reports on teens & twenties' views south of the border – and farther south, yet.

When asked, "Is there the proper understanding between young people in Latin America and young people in North America?" the teens who were interviewed throughout Latin America said, "Yes." They also felt if there were more opportunities for these young people to work together, the understanding would grow between them.

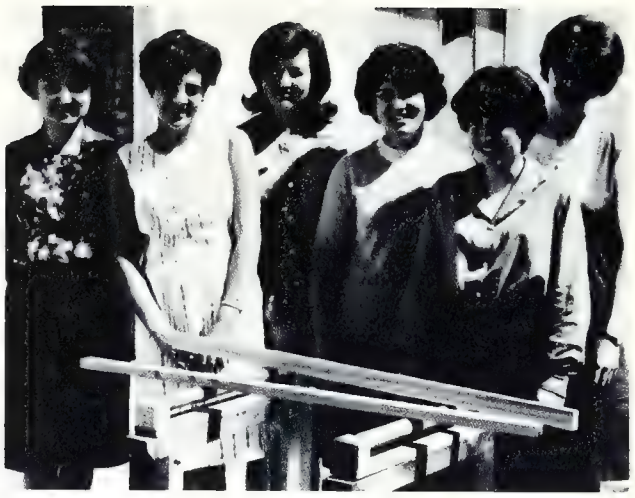
A young serviceman in Puerto Rico is active in a youth group there and finds fellowship which includes cooperative evangelistic work. Peter Peer, son of Pastor and Mrs. Earle Peer, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, studies right along with the other students at the Argentina Bible Institute. He and his friends exchange language knowledge, and they have happy times working and witnessing together.

Four teen-agers in Rio Cuarto have a practical plan for keeping the channels of communication open. They hope to make a goodwill and evangelistic trip over the Pan American highway in a 1928 Ford! They plan to "witness their way" from Argentina to the USA.



Peter Peer (left), son of Rev. and Mrs. Earle Peer, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, "hits it off well" with fellow-students at the Argentina Bible Institute.

Do the youth of Argentina play and exchange phonograph records like the teens in the USA? A group at the Argentina Bible Institute said that they do, but perhaps not to the same extent. They were quick to state, however, that there are basic things that all youth have in common. A missionary joined the interview to say that the human heart is pretty much the same the world over. Youth in Argentina need the gospel as much as the youth in the USA.



Group at the Bible Institute, Almafuerte, Argentina.

"Is there an interest among young people in the things of the Lord?" The answer was that the situation is about the same as in the USA. Some show an interest and some do not. There is the continuing need to present the claims of Christ to them. One person stated that there seems to be a good percentage of young people in Argentina who stand true once they have made a decision for Christ. There seems to be interest among Christian young people in going out in evangelistic endeavors. Several groups are regular in this ministry.

When one young man was asked if it is difficult to get other young people to join him in the Christian life, he answered, "At times it is very difficult. But when we preach Christ with our lives, it is not." Then he was asked, "How do you feel when you stand up to present Christ? What is your desire? Your expectation?" Without hesitation he said, "That the Lord will speak through me."

It is interesting and worthwhile to know what others are doing and saying around the world. The "traveling mike" will continue to interview people and bring their reactions to our readers. In the future you will be hearing from chaplains and servicemen in Vietnam, from people in the Holy Land, and from missionaries in Hawaii and France.

In the meantime, let us pray faithfully for the youth of Latin America. Pray that they will come to know Christ as Saviour and live for Him, and that there will continue to be a good spirit of communication between them and the youth of the USA. ▼

(BMH Staff photos)



A teen interview at Rio Cuarto, Argentina.

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord that the doors remain open for the gospel witness in all our mission fields.

PRAY for God's blessing upon missionaries who are striving to reach students in colleges and other schools of higher learning.

PRAY that God will keep the young people who are training to serve Him on the mission field steadfast in purpose.

PRAY for the people, both on the mission fields and in the home office, who care for the essential, time-consuming business details of the mission work.

PRAY for God's blessing upon the many missionary conferences being held in churches throughout the current foreign mission season, and for the personnel involved in these many weeks of traveling and ministering.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the sale of church buildings at Spokane, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. Both of these churches are relocating.

PRAY for the spring meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council Board of Directors which will be held March 13-16.

PRAY for the Brethren Construction Crew as they labor for the Lord.

PRAY for the Eastern Workshop which will be held at Columbus, Ohio, March 5, 6, and 7.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for the people who are coming to know Jesus Christ in a personal way as a result of the work and ministry of the Board of Evangelism.

PRAY that the Lord will supply the right man to serve as an advance agent, whose job will be to set up crusade meetings for our evangelists.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY that the Lord will direct in the choosing of teen-agers for the TIME program.

PRAY that advances made during the recent youth week emphasis will be conserved in each church.

PRAY for district youth committees as they make preparations for our district youth camps.

PRAY that the Brethren Training Hour at each level will be a reality in every church.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAISE God for the successful beginning of a new semester.

PRAY for the new students who have registered this semester. Pray that they will become adjusted to their new environment quickly.

PRAY that the spiritual impact of the Grace Bible Conference, recently concluded, will continue to be an effective influence.

PRAY for the seniors in the seminary who must complete their monographs and theses by March 1.

PRAY for steady progress in the building of the new library.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for success in the recent BMH Latin America tour and for wonderful fellowship experienced with missionaries and national workers on four Brethren mission fields.

PRAY for an effective ministry for a new missions tract by Tom Julien which is to be published by BMH Tracts soon.

PRAY for God's continued blessing upon Dr. McClain's book, *The Greatness of the Kingdom,* which was recently republished by Moody Press and BMH Books.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the laymen groups which faithfully support the work of the Board of Evangelism through prayer and offerings.

PRAY for the men who will be participating in the services on Evangelism Sunday, February 25.

PRAY for Fred Peters, the new treasurer of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, as he assumes the responsibilities of his office.

WMC

PRAISE the Lord for supplying our needs, and pray that He will enable us to give generously to our coming national WMC foreign missionary offering.

PRAY for our national WMC birthday offering which is due in June.

PRAY for our Student Life Volunteers and for those in school preparing for the Lord's service.

PRAY for our national WMC officers and committees as they meet to plan this year's work.

SMM

PRAISE the Lord for patronesses who are willing to sacrifice time and energy to serve in SMM.

PRAY that each SMM group will give liberally to the "Operation SMM" offering which is due March 10.

PRAY for the willingness of the girls to complete every goal.

PRAY for all our SMM divisions which will be working on Brethren doctrine this year. Pray that this will be a real joy and blessing to Brethren girls who love the Lord.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

PRAY for an effective, coordinated program between churches and chaplains on behalf of service personnel.

PRAY for good results from the visit to our overseas chaplains by the endorsing agent.

PRAY for prisoners of war, those who are missing in action, and the relatives and friends of men in the service.

Church News

NOTICE. The new treasurer of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen is Fred Peters, 508 W. 10th, Ashland, Ohio 44805. Offerings from laymen's organizations and from Evangelism Sunday services should be sent to Mr. Peters.

CORRECTION. In the Jan. 13 *Brethren Missionary Herald* an error was made concerning Dr. Herman A. Hoyt's speaking schedule while at Lancaster, Pa., March 11-17. He will not be speaking at the Grace Brethren Church, but will be speaking at a missionary conference at the Calvary Independent Church, Lancaster, Pa., during the day; and at the Grace Brethren Church, Elizabethtown, Pa., in the evenings.

CHANGES. The First Brethren Church of Glendale, Calif., has a new name; it is now the Grace Brethren Community Church. In your *Annual* (on page 63) the address of the treasurer of the Nor-Cal District, Loren Zook, should be 6315 37th Ave., Sacramento, Calif. 95824. Please change your *Annual*.

RIALTO, CALIF. The Rialto Brethren Church is sponsoring a tour to the Holy Land. The pastor, Gerald Polman, and his wife and also the Leo Polmans will be going. Departure date will be Feb. 22, 1968. Those who may be interested in joining the Polmans and other members and friends of the church on this tour may contact Rev. Gerald Polman, 824 N. Verde Ave., Rialto, Calif. 92376.

ANAHEIM, CALIF. Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, executive editor and general manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Dec. 31. Rev. Landrum also serves as the NFBC chaplain endorsing agent and has just returned from an around-the-world trip, during which he visited with pastors and chaplains.

MONTCLAIR, CALIF. There were 12 people baptized during the month of December at the Grace Brethren Church. On Dec. 24 Rev. Charles Ashman, pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church in Indiana, brought the Sunday morning message following a Christmas program presented by the Sunday-school department. There were 192 people in attendance. That evening the choir presented a cantata, "The Wonder of Christmas." The new year was ushered in with a watch night service at the church. Allen H. Herr, pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF. "The Heart of Christmas" was the name given to the Christmas program held at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church. There were 330 people in attendance. J. Paul Miller, pastor.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church broke a Sunday-school attendance record on Sunday morning, Dec. 24, when 175 people were present. The church family rejoiced recently when a husband and wife, parents of three children, accepted Christ as personal Saviour. Lew Ingwaldson, pastor.

HARRISBURG, PA. During the month of December there were nine people baptized at the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church. A total of 28 new members were received into the church during 1967. Plans are being made to open a branch church at Bressler, Pa. Earle E. Peer, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Telford, Pa.	Feb. 4-11	Donald Goodhart	Ross Rhoads
New Troy, Mich.	March 31-April 3	Gerald Kelley	Herman A. Hoyt
Elyria, Ohio	March 31-April 7	Richard Placeway	Scott Weaver





COOLVILLE, OHIO. The small picture was taken on the first Sunday that the Grace Brethren Church held services, Oct. 22. The larger picture which was taken the following month on Nov. 12 shows how the congregation had grown. Ninety-one people attended the church's Christmas program, and there were 73 people present for Sunday school and church on Dec. 24. There have been seven decisions for salvation, two rededications of life, four people baptized, and five who have presented themselves for church membership. The Grace Brethren Church of Parkersburg, W. Va., has been very helpful to this new work. Donald M. Marken, pastor.

ATLANTA, GA. The Grace Brethren Church's Sunday-school attendance is steadily rising. An Active Christian Teen's group has been established with an average attendance of 13 young people, and a quiz team is now being trained. Several Dayton, Ohio, churches and the Hollins, Va., church have sent hymnals to Atlanta; and the Woodville church at Mansfield, Ohio, sent a gift with which to purchase 12 Scofield Bibles for Bible-study programs. A weekly Bible study on church ordinances is being given by the pastor, Bill Byers. Pastor Byers is also working with interested laymen in a weekly personal evangelism program.

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. Mr. James Bergthold, who has served formerly as a ministerial assistant in Brethren churches at Inglewood, Calif., and Norwalk, Calif., has been appointed to a full-time ministry with the "Haven of Rest." He is now heard as the first tenor in the quartet on this world-wide radio program of the "crew of the good ship Grace." He is the son-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Painter of Tucson, Ariz.

LAKEWOOD, CALIF. Rev. Robert L. Bates has resigned the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church, effective Dec. 31, 1967. Rev. Elmer D. Fricke has accepted the church's call, and he began his ministry with them on Jan. 1, 1968. Rev. Fricke will continue to live at his Seal Beach address.

NORWALK, CALIF. The Norwalk Brethren Church was host to a District Bible Quiz Rally, on Dec. 8. About 80 young people and sponsors attended. There were six teams competing in the Bible quizzing over the Gospel of John. Several churches in the So. Calif.-Ariz. District have expressed interest in a program involving bus transportation to the national youth conference in August, with representatives in all areas of competition. Howard W. Mayes, pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. The new educational unit was dedicated at the Grace Brethren Church on Nov. 26, with Rev. Robert Thompson as dedication speaker. On that evening seven people were baptized. The pastor had the unique pleasure of baptizing the great, great, great, great grandson of Christopher Sauer, printer and publisher of the first German-text Bible in America. Russell E. Konves, pastor.



MANHEIM, PA. The new Manheim Grace Brethren Church building was dedicated recently with 350 people in attendance, including a number of the pastors of the district. Russell H. Weber, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Palmyra, Pa., brought the dedicatory message.

Many significant factors combined to make the occasion a climactic and joyous one for all. Many prayer warriors continually claimed God's promises for the need at Manheim. The North Atlantic District played an important role by giving support through prayer and financial aid. The Brethren Construction Crew with their dedication and efficiency as craftsmen is unsurpassed. Under their direction a beautiful and functional building containing a little over 6,000 square feet was erected for $65,000. The people of the church responded nobly by supplying many hours of free labor.

From the very inception of the building fund (about 2½ years ago) until the last finishing touch was applied to the building, the Lord has blessed, and His kind and provident hand has guided the work. Since the dedication the Lord has blessed with salvation of souls and increased attendance and offerings. Rev. Nathan Meyer conducted a prophetic conference immediately following the dedication, and there was an average attendance of 150 people in the seven sessions. The church is also aware that God has enabled them to hold the Sunday-school banner in their division for the last five months. Ulysses L. Gingrich, pastor, states that all of the honor and glory for these mighty works is given to God.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The adults and young people of the North Long Beach Brethren Church sponsored "Birthday Parties for Jesus" again in 1967. The Lord blessed and 69 children received Christ as their personal Saviour. A total of 333 children attended the parties in neighborhoods all over Long Beach. George O. Peek, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Gloria Damrell and Bob Hayes, Dec. 22, North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Judy Pekarek and Allen Heller, Nov. 25, Grace Brethren Church, Grass Valley, Calif.

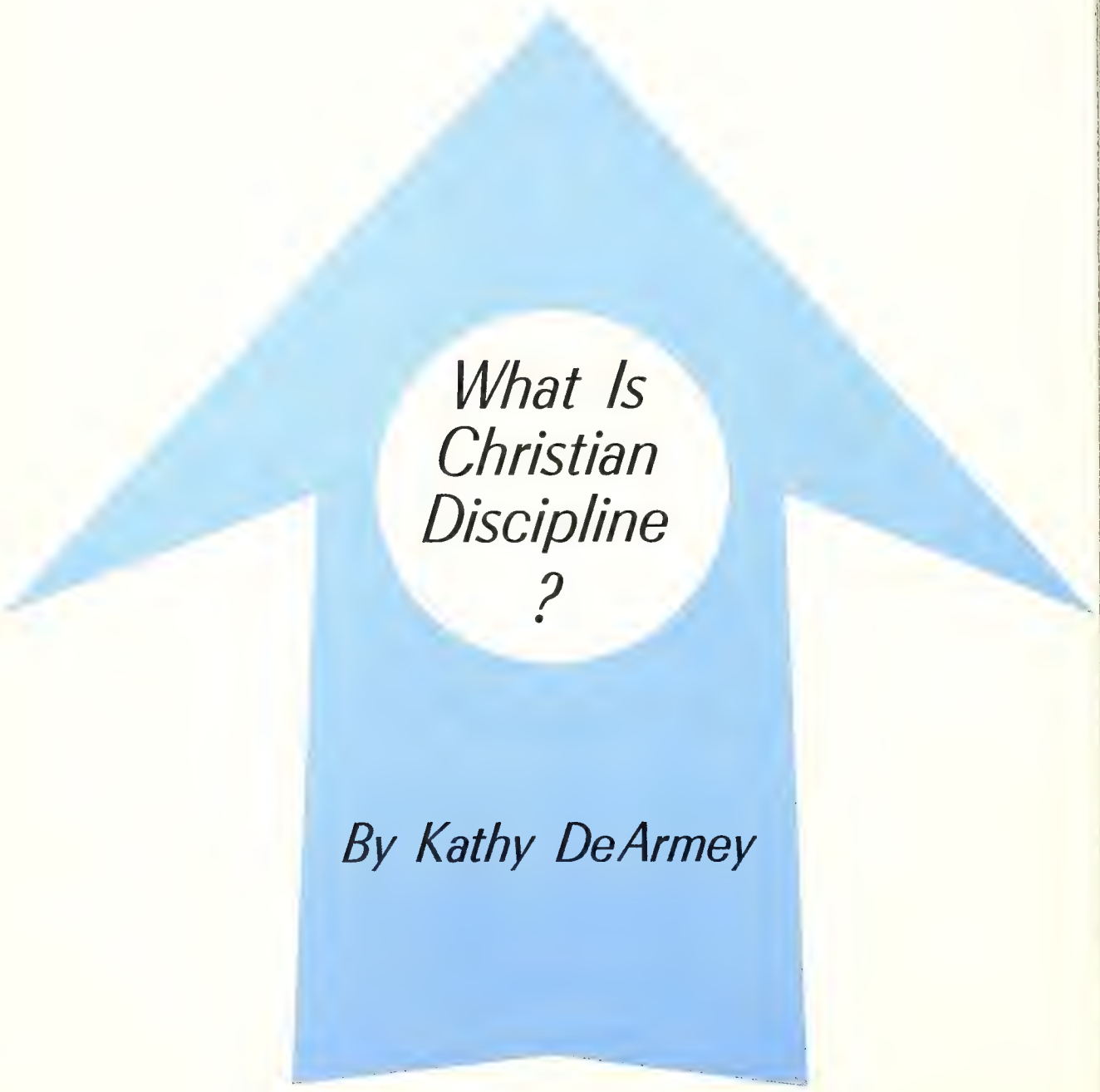
In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

SARVER, Eldon, brother-in-law of Rev. Lewis Hohenstein, went to be with the Lord in June. He was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz., and was also a day school board member. Russell E. Konves, pastor.

CUNNINGHAM, Ken, a member of the Grace Brethren Church at Brookville, Ohio, died on December 25. The funeral was held in the church on December 28. Clair Brickel, pastor.

BURKHOLDER, Russell, a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz., was killed in an auto accident on Oct. 8. He was instrumental in supplying the Brethren Navajo Mission with fruits and vegetables during the winter and will be greatly missed. Mr. Burkholder was also a day school board member. Russell E. Konves, pastor.



What Is Christian Discipline?

By Kathy DeArmey

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Here in Proverbs 22:6, parents are given the task of charting a course for their children that will lead them from babies to happy, adjusted adults. Discipline is the key factor in this training. And as future parents and future educators, we as Christians need to be aware of what the Christian philosophy of discipline involves.

All activities in life exist within limits. Businesses establish policies for their personnel, sport activities have rules for the players, and civic authorities establish laws for the citizens. Everything in life has limits, and everyone must learn to obey rules and regulations. So it is in the life of the child. Because he is basically imperfect and sinful, if left on his own he has a tendency to not always do what is right. He is continually reaching out to feel these limits and to see how far he can go and still get away with it. Rules and regulations, therefore, in order to be effective, must be enforced. To "discipline" a child is not to punish him for stepping out of line, but to teach that child the way he ought to go. Discipline therefore includes everything that you do in order to help children learn.

A child is disobedient by nature; therefore, to disobey is normal and natural. And when a child is disobedient, he must be corrected even as the Lord corrects His children. "For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth" (Prov. 3:12). All our lives we learn through the penalties of our mistakes, but punishment does not cure everything. It does not find the causes of disobedience nor does it do away with them. Therefore, parents should seek other avenues in which to influence their children to obedience of rules and regulations rather than having the whole discipline process involve the setting of limits, and punishing if these limits are broken.

Parents should avoid unnecessary clashes of will with their children. Continual conflict and strife only bring out the worst in a child. Parents should substitute acceptable activities in place of undesirable activities. Parents should give their children responsibility, because nothing can challenge and mature a person more than this. Parents should avoid excessive criticism by sprinkling in praise with criticism. Parents should spend time with their children. This is one of the best ways to shape the life of a child, because it enables the parent to influence as well as understand him. Most important of all, parents should help their children work toward self-discipline which enables them to put aside immediate, immature demands in the interest of delayed but more adult goals. And children learn self-discipline is actually Christ-discipline, or being brought into conformity with Christ.

Any discipline to be successful must be based on the foundation of love. This love is something within you and something which is constant. In love you help your child to repeat acceptable behavior, and in love you restrain him, if necessary, from repeating unacceptable behavior. This is a Biblical principle, for it is said of God that He chastens whom He loves. And nothing fosters good discipline more than the security that the child is loved regardless of behavior. This same principle applies to God's love. He loves the sinner, but hates the sin.

The parents need to be living examples of what they teach. We can only hope to discipline and train as we ourselves are disciplined and yielded to Christ. It is important for the child to see that the parents are followers of Christ and that they themselves need Christ as their Saviour and need Him continually in the center of their lives. Discipline then is not the result of a lot of do's and don'ts, but it is a way of life, unselfishness, and maturity. ▼

Miss Kathy DeArmey is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Richard DeArmey, Osceola, Indiana.



Our President Speaks

1967 Reviewed... and a look at what's ahead.

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President
Grace Theological Seminary and College

Review of the Year 1967

The year 1967 is now history. A year ago we could only imagine what would take place. And even now, though we are in possession of the facts, we still do not know all their implications.

As we look back over the months, we see the continuation of war in Vietnam. Our country has felt the rising tide of crime, violence, lawlessness, and anarchy. Sexual immorality and its public exhibition has broken across the boundaries to new excesses in television and the movies, to say nothing about its practice almost without restraint in society in general. The new and liberal Presbyterian Confession was ratified and went into effect within that communion. Roman Catholicism continued to crumble at its foundation and to feel the strong currents of division within its own fold. The aggravating tension between church and state continued to grow in strength and importance. The financial foundations of the world were trembling. A devaluated pound in Britain was just a straw in the wind of tottering empires and kingdoms. And Israel was back in Old Jerusalem.

Predictions for the Year 1968

No one knows what a day will bring forth. But God knows the future, and in many respects He has made known the course of the world for 1968. This may be the year the Lord Jesus Christ will return for His Church, and with that event will usher in the final span of years before the Millennium.

Barring unforeseen events, the following things will continue to grow worse during the year 1968: The war in Vietnam will enlarge and spread. The race problems of this country will become more intense and will threaten to turn the summer into one of violence and bloodshed on a larger scale than in 1967. Crime, lawlessness, and anarchy will continue to increase. The atmosphere of society will be polluted with the moral filth being spewed out by the radio, television, movies, and publishing industries of the land. The unrest due to financial insecurity will grow despite the herculean efforts of statesmen to prevent catastrophe. International crises growing out of the situation in the Middle East will erupt in succession. A presidential election will produce its own peculiar problems for the nation.

Bible Predictions of Long Ago

"And there shall be signs . . . and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity. . . . Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:25-26).

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: . . . Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (II Tim. 3:1-7).

Do not these predictions of holy Scripture sound up-to-date and chart well the prospect for the future?

"If the Foundations Be Destroyed"

What can the righteous do?" (Ps. 11:3). "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his" (II Tim. 2:19). "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (Heb. 12:28). "Therefore . . . let us go on to perfection" (Heb. 6:1). "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

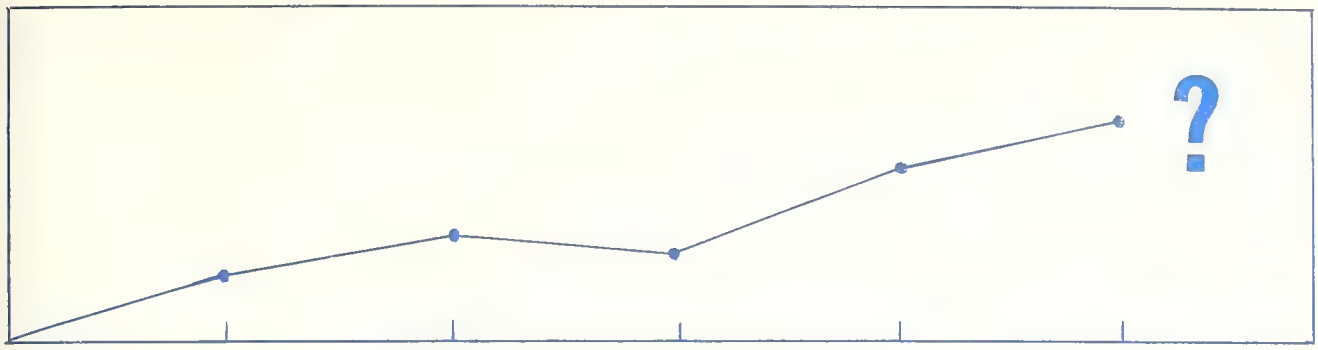
A Tragedy and a Triumph

For the second time in the history of Grace Schools a student was killed in a highway accident. Two French boys and a friend who was a former student at Grace College were en route to Christmas dinner when their car slid on a wet, snowy road in southern Michigan into the path of an oncoming car. The accident put all occupants into the hospital. Roland Makeieff died shortly after entering surgery. His brother Jean-Pierre suffered severe lacerations of the head and leg. Steve Wright, the driver, is recovering satisfactorily.

The Makeieff brothers came under the influence of the Brethren Mission at Lyon, France, and were persuaded by Tom Julien to attend Grace College. The parents were at one time attending the Brethren services at Lyon.

The parents were flown to Winona Lake and the funeral was held in the Grace Seminary Chapel with Rev. Tom Julien in charge and Rev. Fred Fogle bringing the message. Interment was in the Oakwood Cemetery at Warsaw, with Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., in charge. ▼

(Editor's note: The tribute given by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt at the funeral of Roland Makeieff is printed on page 28.)



Let's Face the Future

Still in the glow of the year-long celebration of the birth of Grace Seminary, during which time we reflected upon the seminary's thirty years of service, we want to again thank Him whose birth made this possible. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ has been demonstrated over and over again. I'm reminded of His glorious promise in Joshua 1:9—"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

As we enter 1968 He offers us the challenge of an even brighter and more rewarding future. But what really lies in the future—tomorrow, next week, next month, next year, or in the next twenty-five years? We can only be certain that it will be different, difficult, and that our wonderful Lord will be with us.

Perhaps it would be wise to crystallize some of the problems that confront Grace Seminary as the new year begins.

One of our ever present problems is *the tendency to become spiritually lethargic as we pursue academic excellence.* The seeds of decay grow best in a Laodicean atmosphere of lukewarmness. Pray with us that God will keep Grace Seminary spiritually vigorous while minds are being honed razor sharp for His use. A keen mind coupled with a heart aglow with the love of God is absolutely essential for every Grace graduate. We want our students to know God so well that holy living and personal witnessing are natural by-products of their knowledge.

It is good to refresh our minds concerning the original objectives of Grace Seminary. Back in 1937, it was decided that a school should be started for the following reasons:

By Richard G. Messner

Director of Development

(1) To provide Biblical and theological education for worthy and properly qualified students who purposed to enter the Christian ministry, foreign missionary work, or other types of Christian service.

(2) To inaugurate and bring into effect a type of Christian education which would have for its chief spiritual goal: To know Christ and make Him known as the only Saviour and Lord of life.

Another problem is *teaching our students to communicate spiritual concepts to people who think exclusively in material concepts.* What a challenge!

I cannot help but think of the apostle Paul and the age in which he lived. He lived in a rich, corrupt, and decadent society, among people dedicated to the pursuit of pleasure and self-indulgence. How did he communicate effectively with his culture?

He had the mind of Christ; he proclaimed the lordship of the crucified and risen Christ; he demonstrated the power of Christ; he depended on the Holy Spirit; and he was absolutely sincere.

With God's help we want to continue preparing young men and women who can convey eternal values to a world in which the "natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him."

Problem three is *the widening gap between our operational costs and our gift income.* We must—we simply *MUST*—stir our people to an accelerated giving program. We cannot expect unsaved people to support Christian higher education. This is the glorious privilege and obligation of those who have accepted freely the grace of God in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Less than 10 percent of our total operating budget in 1967 (both college and seminary) came from gift income. Student tuition and fees carried over 90 percent of the load. Actually the students should provide no more than about 60 to 65 percent of the budget—but our giving has not kept pace with our escalating costs.

In 1966 there were 3,804 donors who gave $5 or more to Grace Schools. This is in light of the 29,000 members in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We're trusting that the year 1967 brought a substantial increase from our donors. In fact, we're praying that our corporation membership will run between 6,000 and 8,000 in 1968.

Remember that Grace Seminary will live and prosper or decline and die on the basis of the spiritual life and power of its students and the financial support of God's people. We're looking to God and His people for a strengthened and more effective seminary in 1968. ▼

"We Have Not Lost Roland"

(Editor's note: This tribute was given by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools, at the funeral of Roland Makeieff on December 30.)

As president of this school, and therefore representing the board of trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and student body, I want to extend our deepest sympathy to Jean-Pierre and the parents in the passing of Roland.

From the limited perspective of man, the event which led to the death of our brother appears to be a tragic accident. But viewed through the eyes of God, it was a triumphal entry into the presence of the King whose birthday he was celebrating.

God has clearly revealed in His Word that He works all things after the counsel of His own will. This means that with Him there are no accidents. And what is also clearly revealed is that every event in the life of His children He works together for good.

Nothing is clearer to us than that Roland was a child of God, seeking to be found in the very center of His perfect will. His presence in Grace College was a further step to be made usable in the service of Jesus Christ. At the time of his passing, he was planning, with his brother, to accompany Mr. Tom Julien to a missionary conference in Urbana, Illinois.

But the Heavenly Father had other plans. It was His purpose to usher him into the courtroom of the King of Kings. It may be difficult through the mist of tear-stained eyes to catch a glimpse of this magnificent entry, but the facts remain that he is now present with the Lord, which is far better.

It is also true that very soon the Lord Jesus may return to earth a second time and bring Roland with him, and we shall all be caught up into that meeting of the Lord in the air. We have not lost Roland. He has just preceded us into the presence of Christ. Therefore we sorrow not as those who have no hope, but comfort one another with these words.

At this time, we give thanks to God that in His good providence He permitted Roland to be with us this short time. And upon every remembrance of him, we shall continue to give thanks. ▼

Grace Instructor Jerry Franks

Plays in a "Million-Dollar Band"

A rare and unique opportunity was afforded Grace College instrumental music instructor Gerald R. Franks this December, as he performed by invitation with a "Million-Dollar Band" of top professional musicians at the Midwest Band Clinic held at the Sherman House in Chicago. The band was so named because the estimated fees the performers would have received ordinarily (they played for expenses only) would have amounted to more than $1,000,000.

Mr. Franks, who is also a soloist and clinician for the Conn Instrument Corporation at Elkhart, Indiana, described the experience as a "tremendous opportunity." The Midwest Band Clinic has been the annual meeting of top professionals in the instrumental music field in the Midwest for twenty years.



Jerry Franks directing the Grace College Community Concert Band.

Originally from Uniontown, Pennsylvania, now a member of the Community Grace Brethren Church of Warsaw, Indiana, Mr. Franks joined the Grace music faculty after ten years of playing professionally and teaching. He has performed on radio and television and has appeared with a number of groups, including the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Youngstown Philharmonic Orchestra, the West Virginia University Concert Band, the U.S. Army Field Band and others. As director of the Veteran's Band in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, he won five straight state championships and was runner-up in national competition.



At left: Instructor Jerry Franks.

A Conn Corporation Artist Prospectus describes him as "recognized across the nation for his unique ability in developing practical new techniques of instruction. He has been remarkably successful in the development of both brass and percussion ensembles."

In addition to his teaching duties at Grace, Mr. Franks also directs the college brass choir, the pep band, and the 65-piece Grace College Community Concert Band, which will be releasing a long-playing record album on the Brethren Missionary Herald Company label in the near future.

High school instrumentalists who are interested in having Mr. Franks present a clinic or perform a concert in their school should encourage their high school band director to write directly to the Conn Corporation, Elkhart, Indiana, for information. ▼

Grace Schools News Notes

Bellflower Junior Department Sponsors Grace Project

"Ten cents lays the path and grass; $3.70 adds a square." In January of 1967, the junior department of the Bellflower Brethren Church of Bellflower, California, under the leadership of the department superintendent, Mrs. Steve Cziraki, set a "faith goal" of $100 to be met by the end of the year. This money was to be given to the Grace College and Seminary library-building fund.

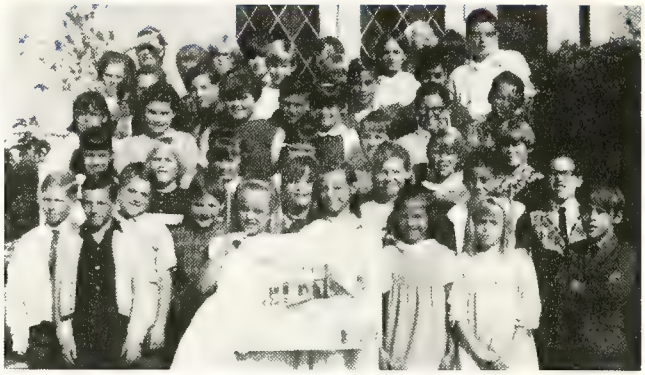
To keep the goal before the thirty to thirty-five children, the junior department pianist, Beverly Gower, wrote the words and music to a chorus entitled "Building for the Lord," which the children sang each Sunday as they presented their offering for the fund.

In addition, a large poster-size watercolor picture of the completed library was posted, with twenty-eight small squares to be pasted in as intermediate goals were reached, as indicated in the picture caption, "ten cents lays the path and grass; $3.70 adds a square."

On December 11, with three weeks yet to go in the year, the Grace development department received a check for $100 along with pictures, the library poster, and a tape recording of the children singing "Building for the Lord."

An accompanying letter by Mrs. Cziraki explains well the "unmeasurable" value of the project:

"One hundred dollars isn't much compared to all that is needed to build the library, we know. But it did a big thing for our faith. Pastor Cashman has literally, by rote, taught us this definition of faith: 'Faith is believing that God will do what He says He will do, even though we can't see how.' We have learned this in our department a little bit better this year than we ever did before." ▼



The children in the junior department of the Bellflower, California, Sunday school hold up the completed library picture which was used in their year-long campaign to give $100 to the Grace College and Seminary library-building fund. Edward Cashman is pastor of the church, which currently has four young people in Grace College.

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Construction Crew Braves Winter Weather



These men are the faithful laborers of the library construction crew (l to r): Dale Martin, Bert Jordan, Glenn Stauffer, Wesley Jordan, Ernest Ringler, Tom Stephens, John Dilling, Jr., Clair Miller, Glenn Brumbaugh, Max Fluke (superintendent). This is a special crew recruited for this project from among the men of our Brethren churches. As of January 17, 1968, a total of $284,676 in cash and faith promises had been received toward the estimated cost of $650,000.

Chaplain Talley Praises Grace's Contribution



Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
Grace Theological Seminary
Winona Lake, Indiana

Dear Brother Hoyt:

Yesterday I received correspondence from Grace Schools, and it reminded me anew of the tremendous institution God has raised up in The Brethren Church. How often I am drawn into thanksgiving to our Lord for that which I gained at Grace. I feel that I received a double portion in that I received a fine education and was introduced to The Brethren Church as well.

In my ministry as a chaplain, over and over again I am able to draw on the knowledge gained at Grace. As a result of many people praying and a practical knowledge of the Scripture, God has allowed us to witness 67 decisions for Christ thus far in Vietnam.

I have experienced God's ability to protect under the worst conditions. In combat, our God is not only able to protect from harm, but can give a true peace that is beyond compare. Think of it, in the midst of a large firefight God can give true assurance, strength, and the joy of victory over death, if death should be the will of our Lord.

I am praying for you and the faculty and have sent in my check to the Alumni Fund Campaign, but felt I should express my thanks to you for that which I gained at Grace.

Please have the schools pray for the ministry here.

In His service,
JOHN D. TALLEY
Chaplain (CPT)

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(Praise Ye the Lord)

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Arnold R. Kriegbaum
Dean of Students



Dian Horein, a junior at Grace College, was featured on the front page of the Warsaw Times-Union as the December calendar girl. Miss Horein, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Horein, Wakarusa, Indiana, is a physical education major with a minor in biology. She served as a junior class attendant during homecoming festivities. Dian is a member of the Bethel Brethren Church of Osceola, Indiana. ▼

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Meet Grace's Who's Who

Five Brethren seniors have been named by the Grace College faculty to represent the school in the 1967-68 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." Those named were Pat Armentrout, Mary Flint, Ed Lewis, Terry Shrock and Steve Young.

Pat Armentrout, who is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Covington, Virginia, is majoring in elementary education and is currently student teaching. Prayer captain in the dorm for two years and a member of World Missions Fellowship and Sigma Tau Theta, she is a familiar sight at the organ in chapel and is organist for the Community Grace Brethren Church at Warsaw, Indiana. She has also served during her junior and senior years as student council secretary and resident assistant in the dorm.

Mary Flint, from Signal Hill, California, is a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach. An English education major, minoring in biology, Mary has sung in the college choir for three years and has traveled on gospel teams. She is currently singing with the Grace Ambassadors student development team and will be touring with the group in Florida this Easter. Elected sophomore class homecoming attendant, she has also been a cheerleader for two years and has been active in campus dramatics.

Ed Lewis, majoring in music education and minoring in Bible, is the son of Pastor Edward Lewis of Margate, Florida, formerly of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. In addition to a fruitful ministry in music, including singing four years with the college choir and touring two summers with the "Carolaires" student development team, Ed has also been active in student government. Having held the offices of sophomore class president and student council vice-president, he is now serving as president of the dormitory senate.

Terry Shrock, known affectionately as "Turtle" on the soccer field, is a physical education major from Kokomo, Indiana. A member of the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church, Terry has excelled in both track and soccer at Grace, having also participated in cross-country and having received all-conference honors his sophomore year. In other positions of leadership he was elected student body chaplain his junior year and is currently serving as president of the Circle K club.

Steve Young, present student council president, is the son of the late Rev. James Young of Sterling, Ohio. Majoring in English education with a minor in speech, Steve, too, has sung in the college choir for four years and traveled two summers with the "Carolaires" student development team. He has been class president and vice-president prior to his election to the top student body office, and he has also been active in dramatics, having played the title role in Shakespeare's "Othello" his junior year. ▼

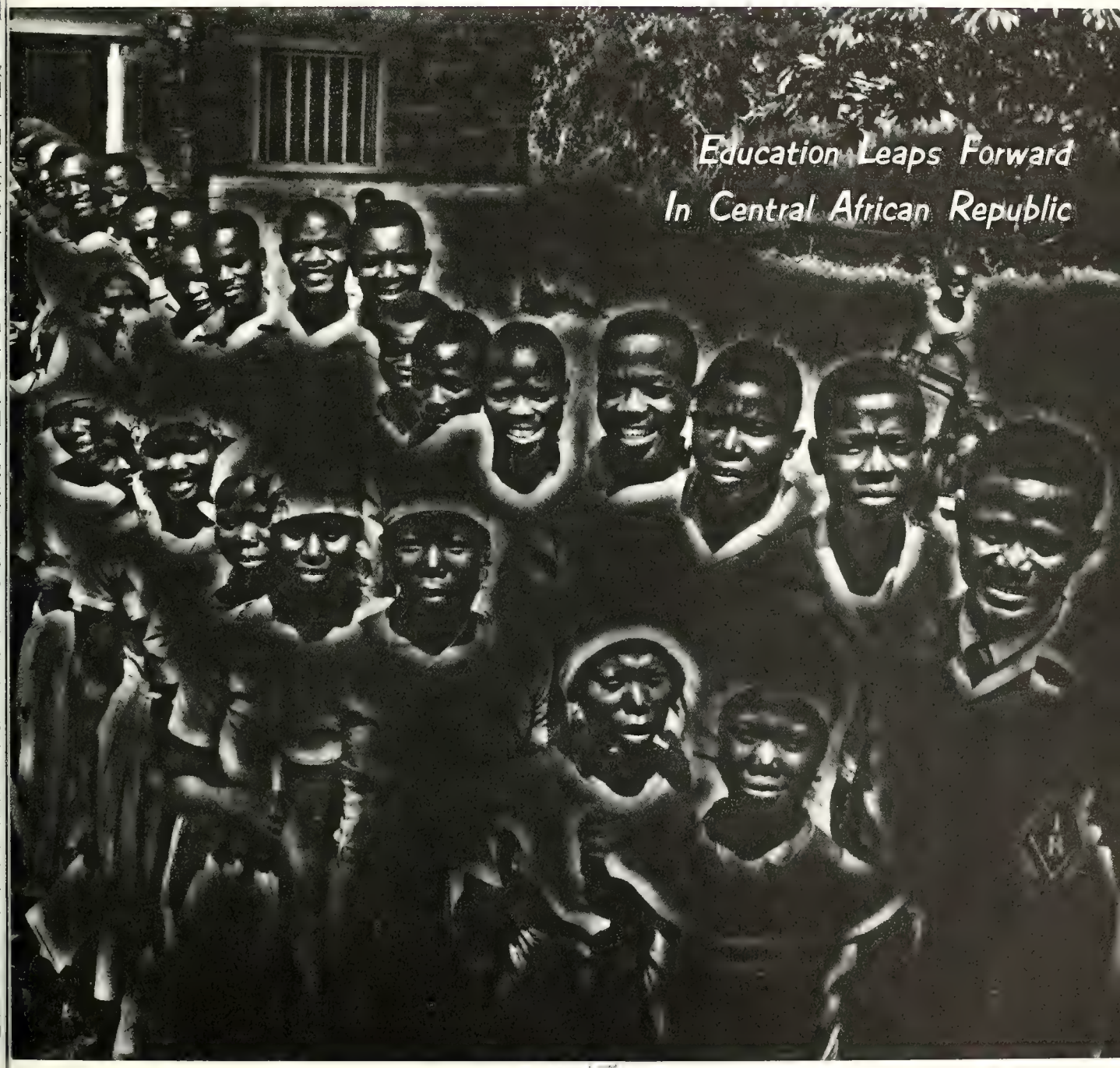


Left to right: Terry Shrock, Mary Flint, Steve Young, Pat Armentrout and Ed Lewis.

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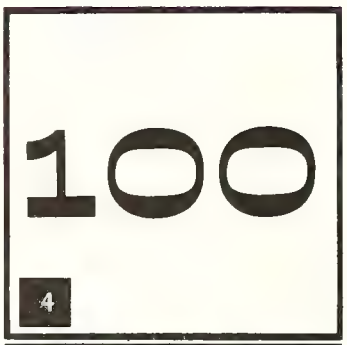
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The Editor Speaks . . . By Clyde K. Landrum

"World-Winning:" A Report Card



God has given His church the commission to reach the world. We in the Brethren denomination are a part of that church, and share proportionately the responsibility of getting the job done.

In 1900 our church launched out into the program of reaching people for Christ in foreign lands. God's hand of power has been upon the work. The history of that thrilling endeavor is interesting to read; the dedication of those who have taken the gospel to foreign fields is exemplary. And, progress on the part of national workers in assuming their responsibilities is encouraging.

As the work has grown, God has given wisdom in solving problems associated with growth. He has moved in the hearts of His people to supply prayer, workers, and financial needs. And He has given wisdom to adapt the policy of the mission to changing times.

As we enter another annual "Foreign Missions emphasis season," let us make it the occasion for greater dedication to this task. We should dedicate ourselves to the goal of knowing more about the work in order that we might do more to assist in it. Increased knowledge of the work should bring greater participation in it and increased prayer for it.

Our mid-20th century era presents a great foreign missionary challenge. It also presents many new problems. The era of the "mission compound" from which the mission "talks down" to the national church is passed. Ours is an age demanding more and more cooperation with the national worker and more participation in the work. It is an age in which the national must take the lead in reaching his own people. The identity of the mission must be maintained, but more in the field of assisting rather than directing the church in foreign lands. This demands a continuing high caliber missionary recruit and a continuing and expanded teaching program for national workers.

Increased literacy presents new challenges in literature. We must keep abreast of needs in the field of literature creation, production, and distribution, and stand ready to supply trained young people who will enter this work.

Nationalism is a problem that must be dealt with. As we insist on wider participation by nationals, our training must be such as to guard against nationalism-type conflicts. This demands greater mastery of languages, better understanding of the thinking of nationals, and greater knowledge of the customs of the people. Understanding the people and their needs is a constant problem.

It is not enough for us to say, "Our church is 'foreign-mission minded.'" We must know more about the program in order that we may *really* pray for and support it. Our church doors should be open to the missionaries. We need to "hear out" these workers so that we may better understand the program and its problems. Thus we will better come to grips with our responsibility, which, in turn, will result in greater accomplishments in reaching the lost in other countries. ▼

100 Missionaries to

By Dr. Orville D. Jobson

In 1917 the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church sent forth its first missionaries to the continent of Africa. The pioneer party consisted of four.

Late in 1967, fifty years later, we took a look at the roster. The results are encouraging and should call forth sincere thanksgiving and hearty praise to God.

With the arrival in Africa of Hans and Liliane Scheidegger, the new Swiss couple, the total has reached 100.

A second look at the roster reveals some interesting observations. Of the 100 sent forth, nine died in active service, eight of whom are buried in Africa.

Nine others served to the age of retirement and now live in the United States, carrying on a ministry of intercession.

Twenty-three are no longer on the active roll. Some of these withdrew after one or more terms and are now serving the Lord in other areas.

That leaves a balance of only fifty-nine on the roll. This is a very small number indeed to care for the

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The urgent need of African churches is trained leaders—spiritual leaders, who are apt to teach, and who are filled with a knowledge of the Word. Such training must be given priority.

Pictured on the cover of this issue are the nineteen couples comprising the most recent graduating class of the "Institut Biblique" in the Central African Republic. They were photographed on graduation day, November 19, 1967.

These men had undergone three years of intensive training under competent and devoted teachers. Their wives had completed the women's Bible course and stood ready to help their husbands. Thus, as qualified families they are going out to serve the African churches as the Lord may direct. Preceding these have been 260 families, who are now ministering to 250 church groups.

Several missionaries and qualified graduates had the privilege of teaching these nineteen men from March, 1965, to November, 1967.

Many of the graduates have a Christian background,

Africa

many and varied missionary tasks in the Central African Republic. Even so, there are always some of these on furlough, and the total number on the field is rarely adequate. Missionaries still assist the growing African churches in a ministry of church founding and building, teaching, translating, writing, printing, literature distribution, youth activities, women's organizations, the operation of a hospital, and training of medical and dental evangelists.

A third look at the roster discloses that we sent out only two missionaries a year during the half a century. A very small contribution to the evangelization of the great heart of Africa. What will the next fifty years disclose, if the Lord Jesus tarries?

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38). ▼



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and at least one is a third-generation Christian. Three are from the tribe which was most recently evangelized by African evangelists and missionaries. Altogether they represent eight different tribes, all united in the study of the Word. This in itself is a miracle amid the deep-seated tribalism of Africa.

Some of these men have a trade, but all are also part-time farmers. Their churches gave some financial aid, but in a very real sense these students worked their way through school.

In this ministry, missionaries reproduce themselves and thus fulfill the apostolic injunction: "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2).—*Dr. Orville D. Jobson* ▼

(Photo by Rosella Cochran)



The Local Church in Evangelism

By Rev. Lynn D. Schrock

The local church is seen in the Bible as a lamp stand. The Lord himself is the light of the world. And He has chosen to use the local church as the "stand" through which to shine to a lost world.

Surely the local church has a definite ministry for the believer. It should be a sort of training school to prepare and equip him to do the work of the ministry. The Christian's attendance at the services of the church should not be necessarily for his own blessing and growth as much as for his preparation, which will enable him to serve and testify effectively.

Try to picture yourself in a small congregation of twenty-six members, with thirty-five or forty people who attend the church services, in a city which has a population of 600,000 people. This church is surrounded by some seven different sections (barrios) of the city. What a challenge

this is for The Brethren Church here in Cordoba city, Argentina!

"Evangelism" is the crying need and should be the main ministry of such a church. It is not sufficient just to open the doors so that people can come in and hear the Gospel. It is essential to go and find the unsaved and give them the message where they are.

Likewise, it is not sufficient simply to teach Christians the truths of the Word. There must also be developed in them an urgency to carry these truths to others.

Evangelism should be a continuous effort week after week, as well as a special effort in campaigns. The latter is not so difficult as the first. We have six open-air campaigns planned for the summer months ahead. These will be held in empty lots or parks in the various sections of the city. Each campaign will last for three nights. Last summer the enthusiasm and cooperation was excellent in the three or four campaigns we had.

The continuous evangelism is more difficult. A constant program of visitation is not easy, for so many things interrupt. But it should be the "never-lost-sight-of" goal.

A visitation night works well in some places. Here it is not very practical, as people may be eating at any time from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Therefore, afternoon visiting is better, especially on Saturdays or holidays. But even this is not a sure thing, as so many people have cars and go out (paseando) on such days.

I have found that afternoon calling from house to house with young men of the congregation has proved to be a blessing. We always carry New Testaments, tracts, and the "Dr. Van Dusen" letters. This literature opens opportunities to talk, when there is interest. The new Popular Version of the New Testament is especially good for those people who are interested to purchase.

These are some of the mechanics of "The Local Church in Evangelism." But all is of no avail if we do not feel the burning desire and challenge in our hearts to reach souls with the Gospel. We must feel the urgency of the Apostle's words in our own lives: "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" ▼

"We're Grateful To Return"

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Balzer

Twenty-one years ago it took us forty-three days to reach Africa. On Monday, November 20, 1967, we boarded a plane at 9:30 p.m., and at seven o'clock on Tuesday evening, November 21, we disembarked in Bangui, Central African Republic—a little less than twenty-four hours travel time.

The time spent in the States was a pleasant experience for us. The splendid freeways, a nice car, and a modern home are all attractions to a missionary on furlough.

The fellowship with loved ones and Christian friends was a special blessing. The Word, as it was expounded by our Spirit-filled pastors, gave us a desire for a closer walk with the Lord.

Now we have spent our first Sunday back in Africa. Much prayer has made this possible. Yes, we praise the Lord for closing and opening doors in His time. Our prayer is that we will be used for His glory in this term, which might be our last on the field of Africa. We think it would be wonderful if before our present term ends, a young man would fully prepare himself and then spend some time with us here in Africa.

We are so very grateful to the Lord for the privilege of having a part in His fruitful vineyard here in Africa.



THE BALZERS

One of the joys of coming back from furlough is seeing our African brethren once again. The greetings are many, and we feel as if our labors are appreciated. And, too, since we love the Africans, we are glad that our love is returned.

We can truly say, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above." ▼

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

MHC at Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio







Pictures,
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Charles Gardner

Cynthia Thompson

Kam Michael Glaspy

Greta Bixler

Brenda Miller

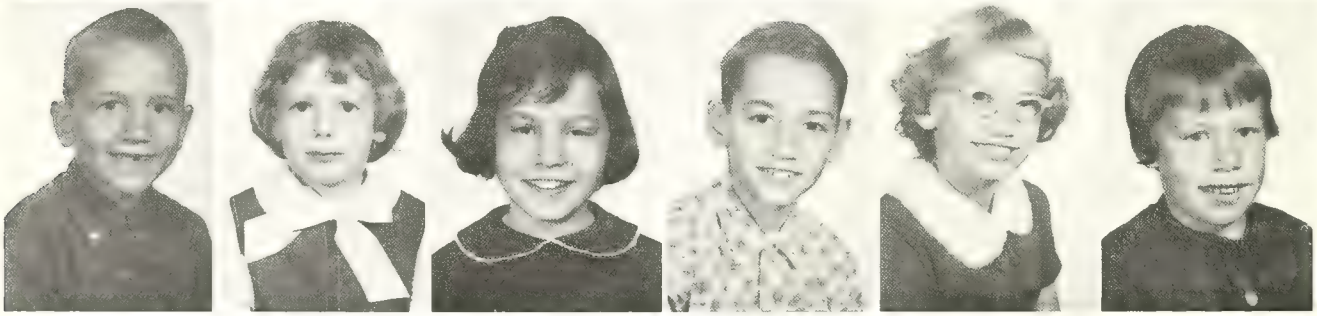
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Jacqueline Glaspy

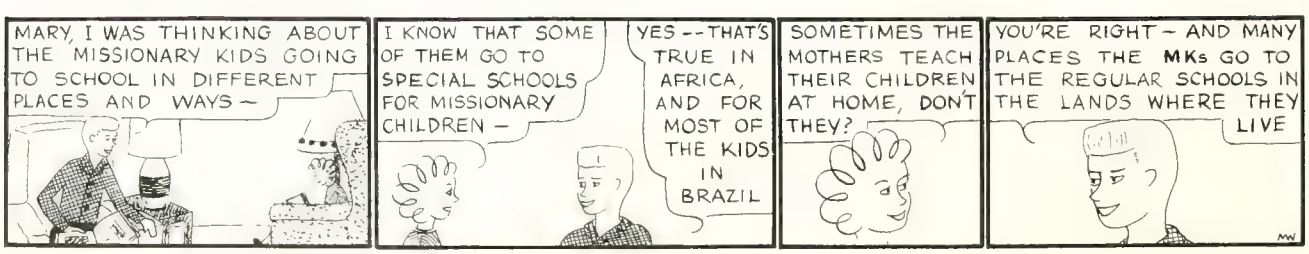
Sherry Collins



MH'ers at the Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio, are shown in individual pictures here, as well as in a group. There was not enough space to use all the individual pictures this time, so watch the Children's Page next month for the rest of them. The leaders of this club are shown in the back row of the group picture (left to right): Mrs. Lamar Gardner, Jack Comesky, Mrs. Jimmy Glaspy, Jan Gardner.



HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY—



Need: A Printer to Fill the Gap

Solution: The George Peters Family

The ministry of printing is vital to the work of the Brethren mission in Africa, and the Lord has wonderfully provided excellent facilities in the form of a well-equipped print shop at the Bible Center station. Yet, through the past year there has been no full-time printer on the field. Missionary Don Hocking—who is a busy missionary indeed with other numerous duties—has been supervising the print shop work and the Africans who are employed there.

Now God has brought into view a family willing to go to the Central African Republic to fill this need. Mr. and Mrs. George Peters were appointed to missionary service at the FMS annual meeting this past August and have been working toward the goal of departing for the field in the early months of 1968.

George and Jane Peters are members of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, and both have been very active in the work of their church.

Both George and Jane are natives of Ohio, and both came to know the Lord as Saviour at the early age of six. George's first introduction to printing came in his early youth, when his parents were in rescue mission work in Charleston, West Virginia, and printing was one of the mission's ministries. He dedicated his life to the Lord's service at a camp fagot service after a challenging message brought by Mrs. Rose Foster. Jane, who is a sister of George Johnson, Brethren missionary in Brazil, has been interested in foreign mission service since she was very young. For some years she and her husband have felt the Lord leading them into His work in foreign lands. Both Mr. and Mrs. Peters have studied at the Akron Bible Institute. God has blessed their home with four sons: Daniel, David, Thomas, and Philip, who range in age from eleven down to five years.

An outfit appeal for the Peters family has been sent to all Brethren churches to enlist help, especially from the Missionary Outfit Club members and others who are willing to give at least one dollar toward the outfitting of this family. A fine slide-tape set presenting the Peters family is available from the FMS office. This is an excellent way for church groups to become acquainted with these new missionaries. ▼



The George Peters family.



HOPE FLAMES AT URBANA

"Do today's youth feel that the cause of missions is a dead issue?"

By Rev. John W. Zielasko

Are young people interested in foreign missions? Is it possible to attract college students to a missionary conference? Many think that the answer to these questions is an emphatic, "No!" They also think that the day of missions is over and that today's youth cannot be challenged with a subject which they feel is a dead issue. This opinion was again dealt a crushing blow, when some nine thousand students from colleges and universities all over the United States, Canada, and foreign countries took time out from their Christmas vacation to attend the Eighth Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention on the campus of the University of Illinois, December 27 through 31.

The last convention in 1964 drew an attendance of some seven thousand, so it is obvious that interest is growing. One young lady told us that she had never heard of Inter-Varsity. Her pastor asked her if she wanted to attend the convention, and she accepted the invitation. She was quite surprised to find that the meetings were not a series of church services, and thrilled to meet new Christian friends.

Over three hundred missionaries and mission executives, representing ninety-five mission boards, were on hand. Around the lower concourse of the circular assembly hall, students had opportunity to talk individually with these representatives; and without doubt many found in what area of service, and with which mission

board their particular talents could be most profitably used for God. However, throughout the convention it was stressed that God was interested first of all in the individual and then in his talents and abilities. It was evident in talks with students that many were not at all sure that their present course of study was the field that God wanted them to pursue, and some returned to their campuses with a greater determination to know and do God's will for their lives.

Several things about this convention stand out.

First, in a day when youth has been characterized by rebellion against authority and self-discipline, it was impressive to observe the behavior, Christian conduct, and courteous attention paid to speakers by these delegates. If this had been a conference of nine thousand hippies or demonstrators, you can be sure that news media would have been there in force to give global coverage to the happenings. Since these students did not smoke pot, carry placards, dress like tramps, condemn the government, or destroy property, it will be interesting to see just how much space is given by the secular news agencies to what was evidently the largest missionary conference ever held.

Second, the forthright stand of the conference directors and speakers on the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God was cause for rejoicing in a day when large segments of Christendom no longer look to the Bible as the final authority of our faith.

Third, an excellent spiritual atmosphere was maintained by speakers, Bible study leaders, and dorm devotion leaders throughout the convention. There was no theatrical play upon the emotions but a consistent emphasis upon the individual's responsibility to be honest with God in the light of His inspired Word.



Fourth, particularly gratifying was the emphasis placed upon the importance of the local church. One speaker reminded the conference that all of the various methods used to spread the Gospel must ultimately serve the purpose of planting the church around the world, for this is God's objective.

During four full days the students were brought face to face with the heart of missions, its victories, and its problems. When opportunity was given to question or challenge the statements of speakers, the questions put to the panel members proved that these students could not be accused of shallow thinking. The following are some of the questions that faced panel members:

In the work of missions today, should we be concerned only in those areas where we know the Gospel will be successful?

What effect does the devaluation of the pound have on missions?

Since many Christians today have faced the draft, what should be the Christian's attitude toward military service?

Would you advise a candidate to serve with a board which has a different view from his own concerning the inspiration of the Scriptures?

It was estimated that the mission boards represented in this conference were asking for a total of about eight thousand mission candidates. In reality, would the mission fields of the world today be able to absorb this number of missionaries; that is, if eight thousand volunteered this year? (By the way, in this connection it is interesting to note that Spanish priests have suggested they need ten thousand more priests for service in Latin America.)

What about Roman Catholicism—is it Christian? What about the recent trends in the Roman Catholic Church?

Two of the speakers presented conflicting views concerning missions in the world today; one man presented a bright picture and the other a dismal one. Which is correct?

Are gospel songs a symptom of shallow spiritual life?

Is race prejudice in the United States a hindrance to missionary outreach?

The presence in one place of nine thousand young people, most of whom claim Jesus Christ as Saviour, is a sight that cannot help but stir the emotions and rekindle the flame of hope for the future of Christendom. One girl wept tears of joy as she walked into the assembly hall and saw the multitudes of Christian young people. She did not think there were that many in the United States. She, like Elijah, was beginning to think that she was the only one left who had not bowed the knee to Baal. Others were observed taking copious notes on the lectures and Bible studies. As missionaries and mission executives conversed with young people in the dining halls, they discovered those who are not only interested in the cause of Jesus Christ, but who want to be actively involved in the task of worldwide Christian missions.

May God grant that the Holy Spirit will continue to challenge these young people long after the spiritual glow of the convention subsides, and that He will lead these potential Christian leaders into the mission fields of the world. ▼

Which Version?

By Charles R. Taber

One of the curious features of our time is the proliferation of new translations of the Bible in English; several dozen have appeared in this century alone. If you, along with the majority of Christians, do not know Greek and Hebrew, you may feel quite helpless in evaluating these versions and choosing one for your own use. After all, how can one judge a translation if he cannot compare it with the original texts?

But, believe it or not, you are perfectly capable of choosing among all of these versions the best one or ones for you. I challenge you, the next time you confront that impressive row in the bookstore, to ask about each translation two simple questions.

The first sounds ridiculously obvious, yet it is crucial, and so often forgotten that it must be asked: Do you understand the translation? I'm not talking about getting every profound detail, but simply of knowing that the language is intelligible to you, that it will not as such hinder your understanding. If you do not understand a version, no matter how highly it is recommended and no matter how good it may be for someone else, it is of no use to you. For God is interested in one thing: namely, that people *understand* his Word. When the original texts were written, they were cast in a form of language that for the most part sacrificed every other consideration, including literary beauty and even at times grammatical correctness, to the overriding necessity of making clear sense to ordinary people. In the first century, for example, when the New Testament was written, there were people who knew and loved classical Greek, which had flourished as the vehicle of masterpieces about 400 years earlier; but the New Testament was not written in this obsolete language, however beautiful, because plain people did not know it (nor, for that matter, did most of the human authors); rather, it was written in plain, everyday, pots-and-pans Koine Greek, the kind that people used all the time. It is no detraction upon the monumental worth of the King James Version to point out that it is written in a form of English over 350 years old and just as difficult for the ordinary reader as Shakespeare's plays. It is not being faithful to the spirit of the original to insist that people make an effort to take a language-learning course before understanding the Bible. Of course, if you understand and appreciate Elizabethan English, fine! But if you don't, it is no reflection on your spirituality; and there are modern versions that you can understand. In fact, there are so many good versions that it is simply not worth your while to bother with a version that you can't understand, whichever it is. On the other hand, don't knock people who do understand it! This first criterion of intelligibility is a completely individual one that each person must answer for himself.

The second question is—Is this version in ordinary, natural English? Is it the kind of English I can read without a mental strain, the kind that does not obtrusively call attention to its oddness? One of the axioms of modern linguistics, which has been repeatedly demonstrated in the experience of the Bible Societies with over a thousand languages, is that anything that can be said in one language can be said, naturally, in another. The only exceptions are cases where the actual form of the original is part of its message, as in puns. After all, what God wants you to know is not Greek and Hebrew grammar and stylistics, but the meaning of the message. And by and large, the best way to get the meaning across is by using language that calls attention to *itself* as little as possible.

The interesting thing about both

of these questions is that there is no one in the whole world better qualified to answer them than you are. You are the world's leading expert on what you can understand and what sounds natural to you.

But, you may object, what about faithfulness to the original? Surely I am not qualified to judge that, and I am still at the mercy of the scholars. The answer is in three parts. First, intelligibility and naturalness are in themselves, as we have seen, essential aspects of faithfulness to the original. It is just as much a distortion of the original to make obscure and strange what was meant to be clear and natural as it is to put in the wrong noun or verb tense. So any translation you cannot understand is, for *you,* not faithful to the original. Second, no version is free from errors, but all of the better known translations are basically sound. True, Bible scholar A can point out that version X translates his pet verse wrong, so he prefers version Y which has it right. But scholar B can turn right around and point out that versionY translates *his* pet verse wrong, so he prefers version X. The questions over which scholars argue are often, at the level of their technical interests, of great importance. But there is no conceivable *overall* way to compare the faithfulness of two versions in the abstract. You are not going to be led into doctrinal error if you prefer Phillips, or Today's English Version, or King James, provided that you understand the version you choose and study it intelligently. You would be in much greater danger of developing wrong attitudes and misunderstandings by using a version, however good, that you do not understand. Third, because all versions have some errors, it is wise to use several versions as you study.

In other words, you need not be dismayed by that loaded shelf in the bookstore. Plunge in boldly, ask these two basic questions ruthlessly, and choose the versions that meet *your* needs. And then, in prayerful dependence upon the Holy Spirit, study hard and expect God to speak to you.

Appendix

Here, for a start, is my own personal evaluation of several of the versions which I consider to be the best available. Omission from the list may mean either that I am not familiar with a given version or that I do not care for it. But you will have to guess which is which!

1. Phillips (both the New Testament and *Four Prophets*). Very contemporary and strikingly idiomatic, sometimes quite breezy in style. Highly readable, very responsible, in spite of the criticisms some have aimed at it. Excellent for campus evangelism.

2. New English Bible (New Testament only, so far). Completely modern; grammar and style usually good, though sometimes distinctly British. Vocabulary sometimes on a rather high literary level. A few anachronisms, but on the whole an excellent job.

3. Revised Standard Version. Not completely contemporary; vocabulary rather easy, but grammar sometimes very complex, and style rather frequently strained. A responsible version.

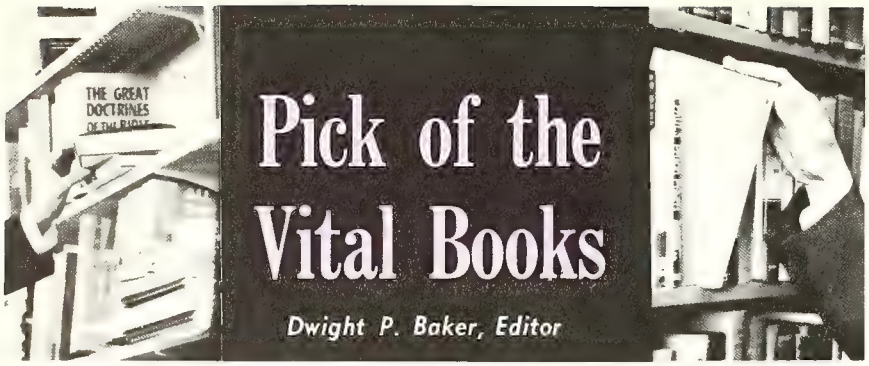
4. *Good News for Modern Man: The New Testament in Today's English.* Published in 1966 by the American Bible Society, paperback at 35 cents. Combines a high level of Biblical scholarship with a very serious approach to somewhat simplified language. Originally designed for people who either do not read well or do not know English well, it has actually sold over 6 million copies in the United States with no promotional effort. It is in my judgment *the* outstanding version for use in evangelism and with young people and children. Typical child's reaction: "This can't be the Bible, I can understand it!"

5. *The Jerusalem Bible.* A Catholic version, in general contemporary and well done. Recommended for discussion with Catholics who would not accept a Protestant translation, though it is an expensive volume (the New Testament alone has recently become available, but it is also rather expensive).

6. *The Torah.* A completely modern translation, by first-rate Jewish scholars, of the Pentateuch, published in a beautiful and rather expensive volume. Just the thing for the rather thoughtful and intelligent Jewish person you are befriending.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that I do not endorse every rendering of every passage in any of these versions, any more than I accept every rendering in the King James Version. *No* version is good in all places, and none is bad everywhere. These are, to the best of my knowledge, the ones I would recommend most highly. But there are plenty more for you to examine and perhaps to prefer. The main thing is—don't neglect the Bible with the excuse that you can't understand it! ▼

"The main thing is not to neglect the Bible with the excuse that you can't understand it!"



Moody: A Biographical Portrait

J. C. Pollock (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1967), paper, 336 pages, $1.95.

He was born on February 5, 1837. He died on Friday, December 22, 1899. During those scant sixty-two years, Moody, the man from a Unitarian background, was God's instrument to lead countless thousands of persons to faith in Jesus as the Christ. His campaigns significantly altered English religious life on both sides of the Atlantic. He founded three schools, sponsored the growing YMCA movement, and was benefactor to many Christian social endeavors.

Despite his other high accomplishments, possibly one of Moody's greatest contributions was his influence on the university students of his day. All of "the Cambridge Seven," of whom C. T. Studd is the most famous, were indebted to his spiritual impact. These men gave the impetus to a missionary surge some parts of which continue to this day.

Besides adoration, any biography should include some contrary evidence to achieve balance. Unfortunately, too many people are quite sure that Moody sprang from the shoe sales shop to the leadership of mass evangelistic campaigns, if not in one afternoon, at least overnight. Pollock does well to include some of the erratic and gauche antics by which Moody first tried to sweep Chicago into the Kingdom and instead earned himself the title "Crazy Moody." This sketch of the growth of Moody the man of God is well worth reading.

Buddhism and the Claims of Christ

D. T. Niles (Richmond, Virginia: John Knox Press, 1967), paper, 88 pages, $1.75.

This excellent book is a tract to Buddhists. It is constructed along the dimensions of the tracts written by John Milton and Martin Luther which frequently ran 50 to 150 pages.

Niles does not attempt an extensive exposition of either Buddhism or Christianity. Just enough Buddhist thought is discussed to make his subsequent presentation of Christianity intelligible. Using Buddhist terminology, Niles shows how the two religions' answers to life's deepest problems differ. For example, both recognize the transitoriness of life and the need for meaning if life is not to devolve into Shakespeare's tale told by an idiot. Buddhism answers that the true boundary of life is death. The man who comes to death untainted by lust for life and earthly things may expect to escape "*sansara,* life's meaningless round." In direct opposition Christianity asserts that eternity has entered time. God in Christ has entered the human situation and given meaning to life. The best that Buddha offers is a ceasation from meaninglessness; Christ holds forth meaning, purpose, and fulfillment.

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The content of this book could be faulted at various points. Apologetically, "the adequacy of truth in one religion as against another, therefore, is judged according as the circle of explanation of that religion includes the largest number of significant facts" (p. 26). This is as silly as the statement on page 28 that "truth cannot be a teaching: it has to be a person." Also the human craving for meaning in life is hardly a proof that meaning actually exists, as Niles assumes (p. 46). Christianity is grounded on evidences much more secure than the aspirations of man; it is based on the objective historical facts of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

The great value of this book lies in its methodology. First, Niles has no misconception that a two-page pamphlet is capable of presenting Christ's claims to someone who is completely unacquainted with Christianity. Second, Niles makes a serious effort to do for the Buddhists what the writer of Hebrews did for the first century Jews. That writer explained how Christ provided the answers to the questions raised by the Old Testament and Judaism. In doing this he used the concepts and terminology which were familiar to his readers. Just so we must explicate God's message to men in the vocabulary they understand, be they Buddhist, Hindu, or American pagan.

Letters to an American Lady

C. S. Lewis, ed. by Clyde S. Kilby (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1967), 121 pages, $3.95.

From 1950 to his death, Lewis maintained a correspondence with an American lady (whose identity is not disclosed). During this period he wrote her over 125 letters of spiritual advice, encouragement, and chit-chat. Lewis' efforts were focused on easing his correspondent's depression during successive physical, financial, and family woes. As the editor notes in his Preface, there is very little in this collection that is new and distinctive.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM: PURPOSE, PAST AND FUTURE

By Rev. Bill Smith

Director

A few weeks ago, one of our Brethren men asked me, "What is the purpose of The Board of Evangelism?" Since I had been asked this same question a number of times before, I had the following answers ready:

(1) To win souls to Jesus Christ, and to encourage others to do the same.

(2) To revive pastors and congregations so that Christ will have His place as their first love.

(3) To uphold the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God.

(4) To present Christ in such a way that people will recognize Him as the Son of God, who is able to meet the needs of this present hour.

February 25 is Evangelism Sunday throughout the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We have made bulletins and envelopes available, for those who would like to make a contribution to this evangelistic arm of our church on Evangelism Sunday. ▼



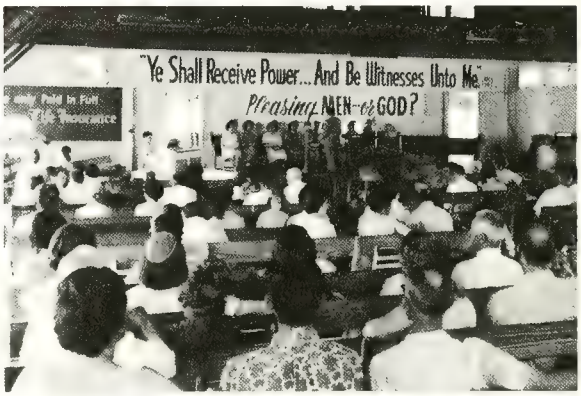


WE SECURED

Rev. Scott Weaver as a full-time evangelist on our staff. Prior to joining with us, Mr. Weaver had been pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Indiana, for thirteen years. He had also traveled overseas to conduct evangelistic meetings and teach soul-winning classes on a number of our mission fields. Evangelist Weaver is well-trained and is an able preacher of the Word of God.

WE CONDUCTED

evangelistic crusades and revival meetings throughout America. Most of these were church meetings; however, in June our staff cooperated with the Southern Ohio Fellowship of Brethren Men and held an evangelistic meeting in West Milton, Ohio, with the support of eleven Brethren churches.





WE HELD

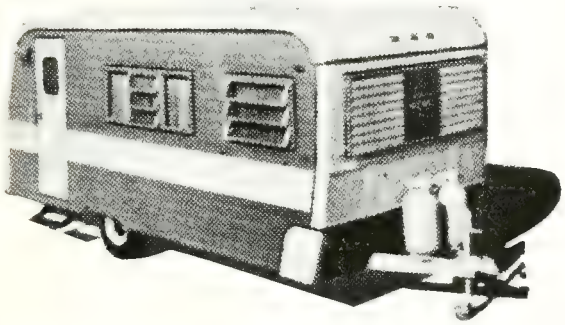
soul-winning forums and classes in many areas of the United States. In connection with our soul-winning emphasis, we held pastors' conferences, youth retreats, Sunday-school workers' meetings and church banquets. Mrs. Scott Weaver often taught a soul-winning class during the crusade in which her husband was speaking.



WE SAW

business men, farmers, factory workers, truck drivers, and retired men at our men's meetings, retreats, and banquets. A vital part of our work is with the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen and the men's groups of our churches.





WE RECEIVED

a new 26-foot travel trailer as a gift to our board. It is used by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Weaver during crusade meetings.



WE REJOICED

when we received the news that Rev. James Custer had accepted the invitation to join our staff as our second full-time evangelist. Mr. Custer came to us from Dallas Center, Iowa, where he had been pastor of the First Brethren Church for four years. Evangelist Custer is well-trained in the Word of God and is a powerful preacher. His schedule is filled for the next year and a half.



A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

makes us feel positive that we must continue to expand our ministry. As opportunities arise, we want to take advantage of them. In the picture (at left) Mrs. Thomas Hammers is presenting a check for $833 to Bill Smith, director of the Board of Evangelism. This check is a gift from the national WMC to be used to purchase office equipment. Also, a gift of $2,600 was received from a businessman in Elkhart, Indiana, to aid in the five crusade meetings, which will be held this year in Brazil by Evangelist Scott Weaver.





THIS YEAR

may be when the Board of Evangelism will begin to produce radio tapes to be used by churches throughout the United States for their radio broadcasts. Also, this may be the year when we will purchase several films which would be made available to churches and business groups. We have had a limited film ministry for the past three years, and it has been so successful that we would like to expand in this area of our work. February 25 will be Evangelism Sunday. You may have a share in this great ministry of your church by giving an offering.

Church News

NOTICE. Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich is in need of several copies of *An Outline and Analysis of the First Epistle of John,* published by Zondervan. Anyone who has a copy and would be interested in donating or selling it may contact Dr. Gingrich by writing to him at 2311 Kentucky Dr., Longview, Tex. 75601.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Rev. Ralph J. Colburn has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church effective on or before April 7. He has accepted a call to the Community Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., and expects to begin as pastor there on Easter Sunday.

"CHOICE HYMNS" NEEDED. Chaplain Carlton J. Fuller has been put in charge of an informal evening service at Cannon Air Force Base, N. Mex. This service is called "Country Church." They want to sing gospel songs, but the Air Force Hymnal doesn't have many in it. Chaplain Fuller is confident that the "Country Church" services will be well attended, and he is requesting churches which have "Choice Hymns" books that are not being used to send usable copies to Country Church, c/o Chaplain, Captain, Carlton J. Fuller, 832 Combat Support Group, Cannon AFB, New Mexico 88101.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Nancy Maxey and Scott Brown, Dec. 30, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Judy Christine Butt and Philip Bainbridge, Jan. 20, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Lou Ellen Baker and Harold L. Holsopple, Jan. 20, Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT. The Grace Brethren Church and the Woodville Grace Brethren Church at Mansfield, the Grace Brethren Church at Lexington, and the Grace Brethren Church at Ankenytown were forced to cancel Sunday services on Jan. 14, due to a severe snow storm.





KITTANNING, PA. The children in the primary and junior departments of the First Brethren Church Sunday School have made 123 "Calico Cats" out of cakes of soap, thread, and pieces of felt. This project was started on the first Sunday in December. Also, during December the children decorated 246 place mats to be used at Christmas time. Both projects were for the Armsdale Home and Hospital for the Aged. The Calico Cats will be given to the men and women on Valentine's Day. There are 78 children in the two departments. W. Wayne Baker, pastor.

CHANGES. Rev. and Mrs. Dean I. Walter, 9811 Caltor Lane, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20022. Please change your *Annual.*

WAIMALU, HAWAII. Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, executive editor and general manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., was the guest speaker at the Waimalu Grace Brethren Church on January 7. Rev. Landrum was in Hawaii for three days while en route to Vietnam.

CHICO, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church of Chico broke previous Sunday school attendance records during November with an average attendance of 69 people. The congregation has paneled the church platform, carpeted the floor, and purchased new hymnals recently. On December 17, five people were baptized and joined the church, bringing the active membership to 42 people. Bill Shelby, pastor.

March Bible Reading Calendar

MARCH				
DATE	MORNING		EVENING	
1	NUM.	26, 27	MARK	8:22-38
2	NUM.	28, 29	MARK	9:1-29
3	NUM.	30, 31	MARK	9:30-50
4	NUM.	32, 33	MARK	10:1-31
5	NUM.	34, 35, 36	MARK	10:32-52
6	DEUT.	1, 2	MARK	11:1-19
7	DEUT.	3, 4	MARK	11:20-33
8	DEUT.	5, 6, 7	MARK	12:1-27
9	DEUT.	8, 9, 10	MARK	12:28-44
10	DEUT.	11, 12, 13	MARK	13:1-13
11	DEUT.	14, 15, 16	MARK	13:14-37
12	DEUT.	17, 18, 19	MARK	14:1-25
13	DEUT.	20, 21, 22	MARK	14:26-50
14	DEUT.	23, 24, 25	MARK	14:51-72
15	DEUT.	26, 27	MARK	15:1-26
16	DEUT.	28	MARK	15:27-47
17	DEUT.	29, 30	MARK	16
18	DEUT.	31, 32	LUKE	1:1-23
19	DEUT.	33, 34	LUKE	1:24-56
20	JOSHUA	1, 2, 3	LUKE	1:57-80
21	JOSHUA	4, 5, 6	LUKE	2:1-24
22	JOSHUA	7, 8	LUKE	2:25-52
23	JOSHUA	9, 10	LUKE	3
24	JOSH.	11, 12, 13	LUKE	4:1-32
25	JOSHUA	14, 15	LUKE	4:33-44
26	JOSH.	16, 17, 18	LUKE	5:1-16
27	JOSHUA	19, 20	LUKE	5:17-39
28	JOSHUA	21, 22	LUKE	6:1-26
29	JOSHUA	23, 24	LUKE	6:27-49
30	JUDGES	1, 2	LUKE	7:1-30
31	JUDGES	3, 4, 5	LUKE	7:31-50

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Tucson, Ariz.	Feb. 21-28	Harold Painter	Scott Weaver
South Bend, Ind.	March 19-21	Sherwood Durkee	Herman A. Hoyt







WINONA LAKE, IND. One of the highlights of the recent Grace Bible Conference was the "hospitality and autograph party" held with two of the conference speakers at the College Book Store. In the photo above, Dr. Warren Wiersbe autographs a book while (left to right) Rev. Clair Brickel, Rev. Robert Kern, and Rev. R. Paul Miller chat with him. At top right, Dr. John Walvoord autographs a book for Don Hinks, a Grace Seminary student. At right, Rev. Randall Poyner enjoys refreshments served by Mrs. Thomas Julien, hostess for the two-day party. (BMH Staff photos)

LANCASTER, PA. In spite of a raging snow storm, there were 350 people present at a watch night service at the Grace Brethren Church on New Year's Eve. Some traveled over 100 miles to attend. On January 6 the church was host for an educational workshop, "Tomorrow Today in Christian Education," sponsored by Grace Seminary, under the direction of Prof. Paul Fink. William Tweeddale, pastor.

SPOKANE, WASH. The Opportunity Grace Brethren Church closed its charter membership on Dec. 31, 1967, with 26 members. Since the relocation of the church in June, the attendance has shown a 65% increase in the morning service. Donald G. Farner, pastor.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH. The children and young people of the Grace Brethren Church presented a Christmas program in the Sunday evening service, Dec. 17. There were 150 people present. On Jan. 16 a fellowship meal was enjoyed by the congregation. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. David J. Neely, son of Rev. and Mrs. John S. Neely who are staff members of the Brethren Messianic Testimony, has been selected as one of the six Rotary International Study Fellows to spend two months in the Fiji Islands and New Zealand. All his expenses will be paid by the Northern Indiana Rotary District and by the host district visited. David is a graduate of Grace College and has taught in the English department of the high school in Albion, Ind. He is married to Dee Anna Caldwell of Portis, Kan., who is also a graduate of Grace College. David left for New Zealand in January and will return in early April.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

MILLER, Mrs. Laura, 90, the oldest member of the First Brethren Church, Sterling, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 24. She had been associated with the church since its beginning in 1933. Rev. Robert Combs conducted the funeral services on Dec. 28.

CUNNINGHAM, Kenneth H., 18, a member of the Brookville Grace Brethren Church, Brookville, Ohio, died from leukemia on Dec. 25. He had helped in the construction of the church's new auditorium. Clair Brickel, pastor.

LOWERY, Mrs. Ida, a faithful member of the Opportunity Grace Brethren Church, Spokane, Wash., for 50 years, died on Jan. 4. Mrs. Lowery was born in Russia, a daughter of a Christian pastor. Donald G. Farner, pastor.

ALLARDING, Fay, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Lake Odessa, Mich., went to be with the Lord on Jan. 6. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

HARRISBURG, PA. On January 7 the special speaker at the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church was Rev. Thomas Hammers, representing Grace Schools. Rev. Hammers is a special friend of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Earle Peer, for he was Rev. Peer's first pastor, and he united them in marriage. During his three-week stay in the No. Atlantic District, Rev. Hammers spoke at a Grace Alumni Dinner on Jan. 16. The 486th Harrisburg Interdenominational Bible Conference was held in the church, Jan. 14-16, with Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, dean of students at Grace College, serving as Bible conference teacher.

TUCSON, ARIZ. A new Hammond Organ has been given to the Silverbell Community Church in

memory of Mary Crowder who died in December at the age of 84 years. She had accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour just one year before. A dedication service will be held for the organ in the near future. Vandals destroyed all the light fixtures on the outside of the church recently. The church was broken into, and office equipment was stolen twice during 1967. Harold Painter, pastor.

LONGVIEW, TEX. Dr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Gingrich are scheduled to conduct a Prophetic Bible Conference at the First Baptist Church in Oahu, Hawaii, Feb. 25 to March 3. The pastor is Rev. Melvin Walter who with his wife was formerly a member of the First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio. Mr. Walter is a brother of Mrs. Lester Pifer, Winona Lake, Ind. While in Hawaii, Dr. Gingrich plans to visit with Edmund Leech and Foster Tresise, pastors of the Brethren churches there. These contacts will promote the work of the Committee on the International Fellowship of Brethren Churches, of which Dr. Gingrich is a member.

ARVADA, COLO. The Hackberry Hill Grace Brethren Church held its first annual missionary conference January 3-7. One of the highlights of the conference was the beginning of the faith promise plan of giving. A faith promise goal of $2,800 was made to be met during 1968 for missions. The church gave approximately $1,400 to missions in 1967. A new monthly missionary emphasis has been started. On the last Sunday evening of each month a Family Missions Fellowship is being held. Robert L. Firl, pastor.

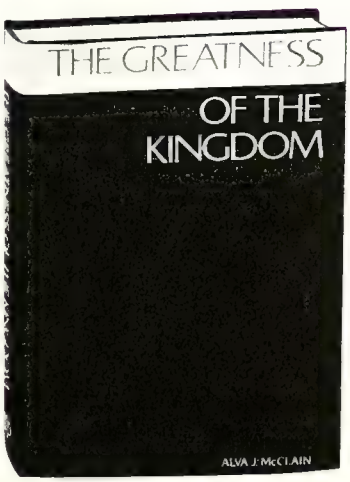
DEERFIELD, ILL. Dr. Robert Duncan Culver, chairman of the division of theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, will be the director of "The Bible Lands and Christian History Cruise," June 22 to July 22, 1968.



GALION, OHIO. Mr. Ed Jackson, president of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Jan. 7. The Galion Bell Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Ted Kirtland, presented the music. Members of the choir (left to right) are: Myron Jones, Gayle Mann, Barbara Porter, Alice Kleinman, Marilyn Jones, Debbie Garn, Jeanine Porter, and Mary Jones. Everett Niswonger, pastor. (Photo by Ed Jackson)

Special price reduction until March 1 on the new printing of Dr. McClain's book,

THE GREATNESS OF THE KINGDOM



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This great book on the Kingdom, out of print for almost a year, is now being republished by the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. and Moody Press. You'll find the volume more attractive and readable, and it will be printed on high-quality paper.

Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, in his Foreword in this volume, states: "Many of the truths which Dr. McClain has here developed, especially in his consideration of Biblical revelation about the Kingdom up to the time of the prophets, has thrown more light upon this theme for me than has any other volume on this difficult subject that has come to my attention."

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LAYMEN NEWS AND NOTES

Compiled by Kenneth E. Herman



NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT. Nearly 100 men enjoyed the recent district-wide quarterly rally held at the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa. All the district churches were represented. Shown above, registering the men, are, left to right, Stewart Wenhold, John H. Line, Harvey Kramer and Ruben Moyer. Speaker for the occasion was Rev. Lee Dice, pastor of the Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.



NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT. Shown above, left to right, are: Robert W. Sunthimer, Fred Peters and Harold Jones as they met to plan the forthcoming district-wide father and son banquet. One of the features of the banquet will be a "tool shower" for George Peters, a member of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, who will be leaving shortly to be a missionary printer in the Central African Republic.

At the Western Division Rally held Feb. 5 at the Southview Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, Ed Jackson, president of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, was named "Man of the Year." Special speaker for the rally was Mr. R. Stanley Tam, president of the States Smelting and Refining Co., Lima, Ohio. The Western Division will hold an election of officers at their next rally, April 1, at the Grace Brethren Church, Ankenytown, Ohio.

LANSING, MICHIGAN. Virgil Briggs reports that the Dr. Roy Lockwood from the World Literature Crusade was the guest speaker for their Jan. 7 meeting. A retreat is being planned for March 29 at the Tecumseh Woods Lutheran Camp, with Ed Jackson, national laymen's president, as special speaker.

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT. Rev. Ivan B. Shafer was the guest speaker for the quarterly meeting of the Southern Ohio Fellowship of Brethren Men, held at the Grace Brethren Church, Trotwood, Ohio.

Editor's Note: Due to space limitations, the article on the "G-Men's Club" of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, will be featured on the next Laymen's Page in the Herald. *Watch for it!*

Evangelism Sunday February 25

NATIONAL GOAL— $1.00 PER MAN FOR THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Plan a special "laymen's service" in cooperation with your pastor . . . and help go over the goal of $3,500!



NORTHWEST DISTRICT. Over seventy men and boys attended a recent retreat held at Camp Clear Lake, Washington. Speaker for the event was Rev. Allen Hires of the Flying H Boy's Ranch. During the retreat an anonymous donor offered $1,000 to the camp fund if the same amount would be matched by the men. Within a few short weeks the amount was raised. The photo above shows some of the men and boys at the retreat "stoking up" in the dining hall.

Fred Peters Named Treasurer of National Fellowship of Laymen



The executive committee of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen has named Fred Peters, a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio, to the post of treasurer. He replaces the late Earle Cole.

In addition to his duties as national treasurer, Fred serves as president of the Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Laymen.

PLEASE SEND ALL OFFERINGS TO FRED PETERS, 508 W. 10th, ASHLAND, OHIO 44805

A NEW HEART

By Jessie Dunigan

"A new heart also will I give you" (Ezek. 36:26).

That Sunday in June of 1961 was certainly the beginning of a new life for my husband and me. In the brief six years since that day so much has happened to us that it seems almost unbelievable. We were in our late twenties when we received Christ as Saviour, neither having been raised in a Christian home. We had only been saved about a year when my husband surprised me by telling me that he believed the Lord was calling him into full-time service. I couldn't quite see myself as a pastor's wife, so I tried to discourage him. Believing that the wife as well as the husband must be called by the Lord, he didn't push the matter. Nothing more was said, at least aloud, for a number of months, but I sure did a lot of talking to myself. Finally the Lord showed me in a very special way that He wanted both of us in full-time service for Him.

Frank enrolled at Biola College, and the Lord began to show us that we had taken the right step. A number of problems in the area of finances, housing, and a part-time job, which seemed almost insurmountable to us, were cared for almost immediately.

Some years before, I had a severe bout with rheumatic fever and it left me with considerable heart damage. As time went by, the condition became increasingly worse. My doctor told me a number of times to consider open heart surgery, but I refused even to think about it, much less consider it.

When Frank was in his sophomore year in college, he was called to pastor the small church here in the Hacienda Heights area of La Puente, California. It was a new work with all the problems of a new work, but a great challenge for a new pastor and his wife. The Lord was very good to us. But I'm afraid I wasn't much help to my husband. If I attended both services on Sunday, I could look forward to being in bed for the next two days. I realized that this was no life for a pastor's wife. After talking with my doctor, and after much prayer, my husband and I decided to go ahead with the needed surgery. The three months of preparatory work before surgery were agonizing ones, but ones in which the Lord was doing some preparatory work himself. During that time I learned what it really means to trust in the Lord. He really did a work in my life. The verse that came to mean so much to me was Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." We called on many churches for prayer on my behalf. I know that Christians in many states were praying for me. And God heard those prayers. On June 7, 1966, my heart was opened and the mitral valve was replaced with one of plastic (Teflon, I might add). I can truthfully say that I had no fear. God had given me complete rest in Him. The surgeon commented that I was the only patient he had ever seen going into the operating room with a smile. Sixteen days after surgery I was home. Today I feel better than I can ever remember. I can do all my work at home as well as at the church. How I praise God! It is a shame that sometimes God has to put us in a position of helplessness in order for us to learn to trust fully in Him.



Mrs. Frank Dunigan

The Lord has blessed the work here in Hacienda Heights. We have seen several families come to know the Lord as Saviour this past year. We have purchased property, and are looking forward to starting our building. Although sometimes the discouragements come, the Lord has been faithful and seems to know when we need the touch of the Master's hand. A verse that means a great deal to Frank and me is Psalm 37:5, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass."

We have also started a WMC group which has proved most rewarding. Five of our ladies are new Christians, and they seem very interested in the work. Our group is growing; we started with six women, now we have eleven. I'm sure God has great things in store for us.

There are many lessons yet to learn, many disappointments yet to endure, but one lesson the Lord has imprinted indelibly on my heart is Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." ▼

The Story of A Fat-Faced Depression Baby

By Ruth Ann Cone

At least one advantage of writing an autobiography is that one knows where to start. So, to begin, I was born into a very fine family on the twenty-third of September, 1929, in Des Moines, Iowa—the only girl, tucked in between two brothers. I was one of those "depression" babies, but from the fat-faced appearance of my pictures, I didn't suffer.

Spiritual impressions came to me very young, as I was privileged to grow up in an active evangelical church. We youngsters always sat on the front row. One night we all went forward and publicly accepted Christ as Saviour. Whether or not this was a personal experience or a group experience, I do not know, but from that time the Lord had His hand on me.

My first memorable spiritual experience came the summer I was sixteen, when my girl friend and I went with her parents to an S.I.M. camp. There were about sixty missionaries there, and I thrilled at the atmosphere and drank in the messages day after day. The last night an appeal was given for missionary volunteers. First, the speaker asked for parents to stand if they were willing to let their children go to the mission field. Seeing that her parents stood, my friend punched me and said, "Let's go!" Unspiritual as my prompting was, I have forever been thankful for that "punch." From then on I thought only of Africa. Later, as I realized that I was no stronger or better than the other young people about me who forsook their promises to God, I clung to Philippians 1:6: "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

How God brought me through the perils of youth will never cease to impress me as a miracle. I owe much to a godly mother and her prayers. College and boys came on the scene, and how to get through college without getting married first was a vital problem. I actually prayed that I wouldn't fall in love until I was well on my way toward graduation. Before becoming serious about a young man, I wanted to be sure he was not only a Christian, but also interested in missionary service—in Africa particularly. When I think back, I am amazed at how many of my young men acquaintances went to the mission field, and especially to Africa. God is very good to young people who trust Him!

I attended Bryan College for two years and then transferred to Wheaton College. Both institutions were a tremendous blessing to me. Perhaps my most significant college experience was the great Wheaton revival in the fall of 1950, when even skeptical newspaper reporters from Chicago stood in awe at the Holy Spirit's work.

God timed my change to Wheaton to just when a certain Bryan graduate named George Cone entered Grace Seminary. Our friendship, barely begun at Bryan, continued through Wheaton days; and ten days after my graduation we were married.

For two years I taught high school while George finished his seminary work and received his master's degree. Then we spent fifteen months studying French in France; and in March, 1956, we finally arrived at our destination, Africa. We feel that our biggest single accomplishment on the field has been preparing a unified program, and training African teachers for the elementary Bible schools so that this work could be completely indigenous. These schools have flourished in spite of the dearth of missionary help these last five years. Al-



The Cone family (left to right): Camille, Ruth Ann, Kim, Karisse, Calla, baby Kipling, and George.

though still in charge of this program, we are actually engaged in teaching here at the Bible Institute.

What do I do? I am in charge of the elementary Bible schools, the women's programs for the Bible Institute, and teach six hours of Bible a week to African women, teach five hours of French to missionary children, am station hostess, prepare my page for our monthly magazine, write lesson books in Sango (four this last year), and take care of a family of five children.

We love our life and work in Africa. In fact, we often praise God for the blessing of earning our daily bread by a work we so thoroughly enjoy. ▼

Mrs. Beach Honored



Special recognition was given to Mrs. James Beach, who is a member of the First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, at the annual Christmas party of the church's WMC groups on December 5. Mrs. Beach was honored for her outstanding work as an SMM patroness, a position from which she recently resigned after twenty years of faithful service. SMM girls participated in the program and served the refreshments. Gratitude was expressed verbally by former SMM girls, who were able to be present. Letters were read from many who had left the area for varied locations and vocations. A corsage of red carnations and a necklace were presented to Mrs. Beach as a token of appreciation. In the above picture Mrs. John Terrell is presenting the necklace to Mrs. Beach. ▼

NOTE:

Due to the recent resignation of our national WMC second vice-president, Mrs. Merlin Schlange, all correspondence concerning the devotional program should be sent to our national WMC president, Mrs. William Schaffer.

Remember!

Last Month for WMC—Grace College—Christian Education Department Offering

Not Alone

The way seems dreadfully dark to me;
The pathway is steep, and I cannot see.
Dear Lord, I know not which way to go,
And my feet are weary, weak, and slow.

My heart is heavy with an unspeakable dread,
Grows faint and depressed with the days yet ahead;
The clouds hang heavy like the curtain of night,
And the "rainbow of promise" seems hidden from sight.

Deep sound of thunder is filling the air,
While the storm in my heart would crush to despair;
Flashes of lightning bring only to view
The memories, the hopes, and the longings anew.

The low bending branches reveal the storm's might,
Though wind and its power are controlled out of sight.
Flowers lashed by the storm lie quiet and still
On the rain-drenched grass at the foot of the hill.

How much longer, dear Lord, will this terrific storm last?
Is there no hope for me, that it soon will pass?
The sound of the thunder, the wind, and the rain
Cause me often to ask, "Will the sun shine again?"

Out of the darkness comes His voice, the Divine,
"I have been walking beside thee all the time;
True you could not see me, though My presence was near.
Be not disheartened, my child, put aside every fear.

"I saw the approaching storm and heard the wind blow,
Remember, dear heart, I see and I know.
I love you and want your yielded life to be
Filled to the fullest measure of love for me.

"And out of this storm I will surely lead you,
For there is yet much I would have you do.
Strong oaks and the sweetest flowers, too,
Need the sunshine, the shadows, the storms, and the dew

"You, too, like them must have these in your life,
Like the vine to bear fruit must yield to the knife.
So trust me to guide and carry you through,
Not alone—no never—for I'll be with you.

"And through these testings of faith and love
I can better fit you for service above;
So put your hand willingly, confidently in Mine,
Knowing you will understand, someday, sometime."

—Ethel H. Downs

By Mrs. Scott Weaver

Life at Camp

Each summer it was my privilege as a pastor's wife to go to youth camp for either junior week or senior week. There was such a difference!

Junior week always had its homesick campers who needed "mothering." What a challenge it was to this "camp counselor" to point each little, lonely, tearful child to the Lord Jesus, who alone could comfort and help him "over the hump." Sometimes the suggestion of how happy Mother and Daddy would be to know that he had prayed and had won victory over being homesick would encourage a junior camper to "stick it out" for the week. But if there had been any homesick heart battles when a worried Mother or Father came to camp during the week to "check up" or to visit their first-time camper, the child seldom finished the week. His battle was lost. But there were those who overcame, finished their junior week, and wouldn't miss camp for many years to follow. These were victories.

I remember a little, junior boy camper, whose way had been paid to camp by an interested Christian family back home. He was a thoughtful, quiet little fellow from a broken home. He was the oldest of three

boys. The Father had left their Mother for another woman. This particular day I was working in handcraft, helping the children choose plaques to paint. My husband had given this boy a dollar, for he had no spending money like the other campers. I thought he would probably buy candy or ice cream, but instead, he picked out two plaques to paint. One read, "God Bless Our Home." He smiled at me and said, "I want to paint this and take it to my mother." The other one, he told me, was for his father. Tears came to my eyes when I read, "Prayer Changes Things." I realized this little first-year camper with difficult problems in his life had much more understanding of the things of the Lord than most Christians. The little boy and his mother prayed much in the days that followed. News came one day that his Daddy had moved back home. Years have passed, and that Daddy is still there today.

Juniors are active. They never run down. They always need a counselor. This gave excellent opportunity to guide their young lives. An argument between girls in the cabin, or some obnoxious personality for the whole cabin to cope with, or even a flashlight flasher *after* the "lights out" signal, provided circumstances for Christian training by word or life.

Senior camp was altogether different. Seniors have no need for a counselor—they think! They feel quite mature and want to be "on their own." Yet their frustrations are many, and their problems are great—often out of proportion.

There was the girl who was being courted by a young man back home. Her parents were pushing her toward marriage; yet she had another year of high school to complete. She was quite withdrawn, but near the close of the week she burst out with, "Sometimes I think my mother is the one in love with him!" Living with other Christian girls that week, hearing them express their opinions and problems, helped her to express what was heavy upon her heart.

I remember well the lovely vivacious senior girl who came to our Christian camp for her first time. She was genuinely born again, with wholesome attitudes, and regularly attended a Brethren church. Her parents never attended any church, and her father was a bartender. A junior in high school, her goal in life was to become a lawyer. This counselor spoke to her about determining to be a "Christian" lawyer. After the week of Bible classes, cabin devotions, and living with other Christian girls, she was deeply moved. When she put her fagot on the fire during the closing service, she gave herself to the Lord for full-time Christian service. I remember her dilemma then, as she poured out her heart to her counselor. What would her parents think when she told them she was not going to be a lawyer, but might even become a missionary? Cabin devotions that night closed with earnest prayer for her. Today she is at Grace College. That camp decision was a lasting one.

Cabin devotions each night not only served to quiet the cabin, but also to give opportunity for prayer over problems back home as well as those at camp.

I shall not forget the timid little deacon's daughter who asked, "What is an 'unspoken request'?" as though it were some great moral sin. She seemed so relieved to hear the explanation. This same little girl has grown to be a lovely Christian. In recent months her comments on her camp days were, "The thing about camp that I remember most was cabin devotions. I believe the Lord used this most of all in my own life." What a blessing to know that the Holy Spirit was working and that lives were being permanently influenced for the Lord Jesus during our cabin devotions!

The opportunity to teach Christian conduct to senior girls at camp is invaluable. A class to guide their discussion and their questions will inevitably end with the girls themselves setting a standard for behavior on dates. My memory goes back to two girls from leading Brethren families who were very loose in their conduct with the young men at camp. Even their dining hall conduct while sitting and eating with the young men revealed unreserved familiarity. After five days of classes for girls, when the closing invitation was given on Friday night, these two girls came with tear-filled eyes and asked, "Can we talk to you?" Their broken confession was, "No one in high school would know we are Christians. We haven't lived it." After prayer to God for victory and a closer walk with Him, real peace shone in their eyes. Enough time has gone by to see that those two girls made lasting decisions at camp.

Daily staff meetings, where problems were heard and prayed for, always proved profitable. The late Dr. R. Paul Miller, though up in years, had such a burden for souls that his prayers were sufficiently effective to change the whole camp. I can still hear him plead for the souls of the campers in prayer: "Now Lord, we have no idea what kind of backgrounds these young people come from; save them from a life of sin. Some of their parents have made tremendous sacrifices to send them to camp, and they are counting on us counselors. Lord, help us not to fail them. Give us a break tonight, and touch their hearts and lives for Jesus' sake."

The way Dr. Miller conducted the camp fire service one summer made an indelible impression upon my mind. He spoke of the apostle Paul being stoned, being beaten, being put in prison, being let down over a wall in a basket to escape for his life. He imagined the Apostle's friends asking him *why* he had gotten himself into such a predicament. "Oh, just paying my debt to Jesus," was Paul's answer. Then, Dr. Miller pressed the campers with the question, "When are you going to pay your debt to the Saviour? Are you going to?" Many gave themselves for full-time service, and tears flowed freely.

Praise the Lord for Brethren Youth Camps. These are evil days; Satan is making a bid for the hearts of our young people through the "hippy" movement, drugs, and even through "another language," as words take on new meanings, and active minds soak it all in. What a challenge to go to camp in the name of the Lord, and win victories in the hearts of boys and girls and teen-agers for all eternity! ▼

PEN POINTER CORNER

Pen Pointer Presentation

By Mrs. Leo Polman

Most Pen Pointers are written in paragraphs; therefore, they can be reviewed or presented by several women at a meeting.

Giving out questions the month *before* a quiz, naming the Pen Pointer to study, might be a good plan.

After all Pen Pointers are studied, have a husband and wife meeting, or a missions rally for the whole church. Covering all eight Pen Pointers by giving one to eight different women to present gives a good picture of the work of WMC. (One pastor said at such a meeting, "I had no idea that WMC groups did so much or stood for so many activities in our fellowship.")

Be sure your pastor has a complete set of Pen Pointers for reference and information.

1967-68 Recommended Reading for WMC

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Captive of the Simbas by Margaret Hayes.

God in My Home by Dorothy Haskins.

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Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Robert Williams — April 15
Batangafo via Bangui, Central African Republic

Calla Jean Cone — April 24, 1965
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Kipling George Cone — April 24, 1967
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

Rev. Solon W. Hoyt — April 2
Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Colleen Mary Austin — April 8, 1956
O'Higgins 3168, Buenos Aires 29, Argentina, S. A.

Mrs. Gordon Austin — April 29
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Brazil—

Rev. J. Keith Altig — April 9
Caixa Postal 368, Belem, Para, Brazil

James Kevin Johnson — April 19, 1956
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Miss Barbara Hulse — April 27
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Hawaii—

Leilani Lou Tresise — April 15, 1956
95-303 Waioni St., Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii 96786

Mexico—

Mrs. Phillip Guerena — April 5
Apartado 21-956, Coyoacan 21, Mexico, D.F.

Puerto Rico—

Nancy Joyce Brenneman — April 24, 1954
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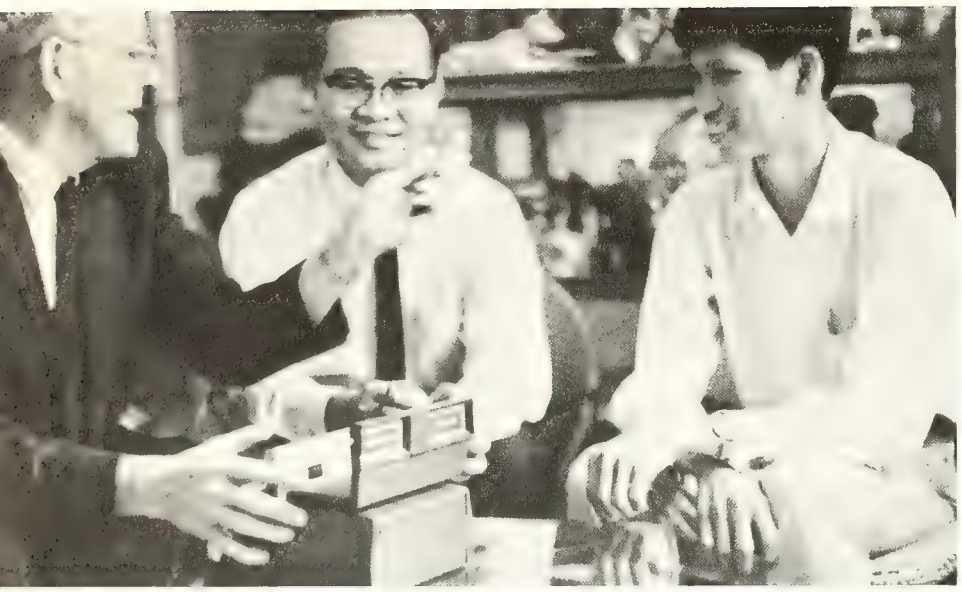
In the United States—

Suzan Marie Goodman — April 1, 1952
c/o Rev. John Mayes, 719 Franklin Ave., Sunnyside, Washington 98944

Mrs. E. Nelson Fay — April 6
110 Fremont Square, Montebello, California 90640

Lester W. Kennedy, Jr. — April 18, 1955
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Evangelical pastor and his son in Saigon . . . "They are branching out."

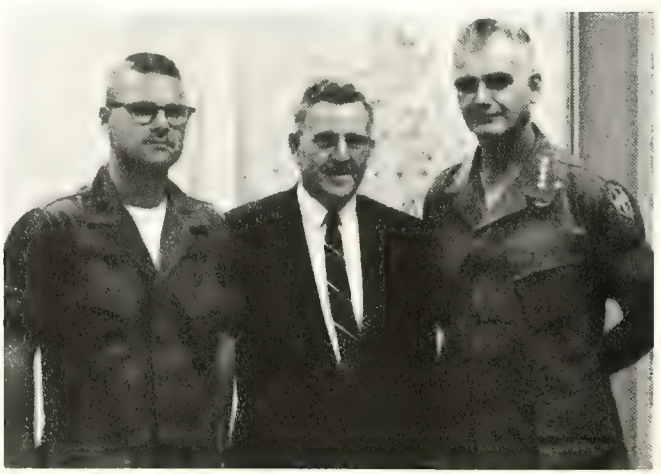
By Rev. Clyde K. Landrum

The BMH "Traveling Mike" Visits Vietnam

"Chaplains Brock and Talley reported a continuing number of decisions for Christ"

There was an ominous quiet in South Vietnam during the visit to that land by the NFBC's chaplain endorsing agent Clyde Landrum, January 13 to 18. Everyone was sure there was to be a move by the enemy soon, but no one knew just where he would strike. This quiet made it possible to carry out the detailed schedule that the Military Assistance Command had planned so well—a schedule that took us to places that have since come under vicious attack by the enemy. One night was spent near Da Nang with Chaplain Dale Brock and his U. S. Marine battalion. As can be imagined, there was talking well into the night. The jets overhead, the noise from the outdoor theater, the strong voice of a man trying to get through on a weak telephone line—none of these could stop the three Brethren from working the "traveling mike" overtime! There were three because Chaplain John Talley had been selected to be the official "escort" for the entire visit. And what times of fellowship there were in moving from place to place together by sedan, jeep, helicopter, and plane!

The high point of the visit was an interview with General Westmoreland. Not only is he a great man, but he is a humble man who feels keenly the tremendous responsibility that rests upon his shoulders. As the interview was closed, prayer was offered for him in his work in this responsible position. He expressed his deep appreciation for the prayer. Furthermore, he made the specific request, "Please thank your people for me, especially your pastors." The general spoke highly of the chaplains serving in Vietnam. He stated emphatically, "This is the finest group of chaplains I have had anywhere in the world!"



Chaplain John Talley and chaplain endorsing agent Clyde Landrum with General Westmoreland.



Brethren chaplains, John Talley (left) and Dale Brock (right), with another Grace Seminary graduate, (center) Cecil Lewis, at Da Nang.

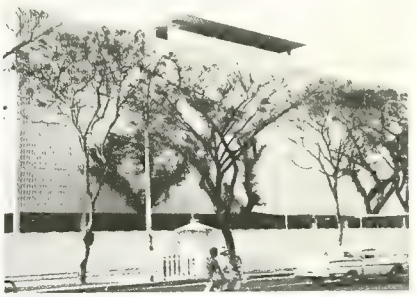
In answer to the question, "How can we in our churches better counsel our young men entering the service?" General Westmoreland had several suggestions. First of all that we urge them to enter with the positive attitude of expecting to benefit from the experience. He stated that he knew of no place where a young man can better invest two years of his life. Among the benefits, he mentioned the young man's coming into rapid maturity, getting a true picture of communism in action, getting a true picture of and participation in a nation's struggle for self-government without outside domination, and obtaining a better view of the world. He stated further that officers in Vietnam are to make the welfare of their men their primary concern.

Chaplains Brock and Talley reported a continuing number of decisions for Christ. Not only are they grateful for these decisions, but they are encouraged for the future in dealing with their men. The men respect the chaplain who is faithful in preaching the Word. As they live with the men day by day and try to help them meet the problems as they arise, they find the men willing to talk about spiritual things. Our chaplains expressed appreciation to national conference for officially approving the privately-financed trip of the endorsing agent to visit them in Vietnam. They also expressed sincere thanks for the faithful prayer support of our people, and asked that even more prayer be offered for their ministry. They stated that there were times that they could actually feel this prayer support.

Two other chaplains—Cecil Lewis and Richard Pfaff, Grace Seminary graduates affiliated with the General Association of Regular Baptists, were also visited. This gratifying visit with them was set up in the schedule by the Military Assistance Command in Saigon. These men expressed a continuing appreciation for Grace Seminary, and asked to be remembered to friends. They spoke of rich blessing from the Lord in their work as chaplains in Vietnam.

Another thrilling part of the visit was seeing the national church carrying on its ministry and even expanding under extremely difficult conditions. The Christian and Missionary Alliance is the main protestant group working in the country. They have over 320 churches in the country, with about fourteen in Saigon and nine in Da Nang. They are in constant contact with Christians in villages that are being harrassed by the enemy. They are branching out from established churches to form new groups, and they are very active in service centers for Vietnamese and U.S. soldiers. Last year they spent over $5,000 per month in Vietnam for literature alone! How we need to pray for the church in that land.

The trip was very worthwhile in that our chaplains were encouraged and were assured of our prayer support and our desire to keep in touch with them. As the chaplains put it, "We feel that God's program is to be carried out by the local church, and we are an arm of that church." ▼



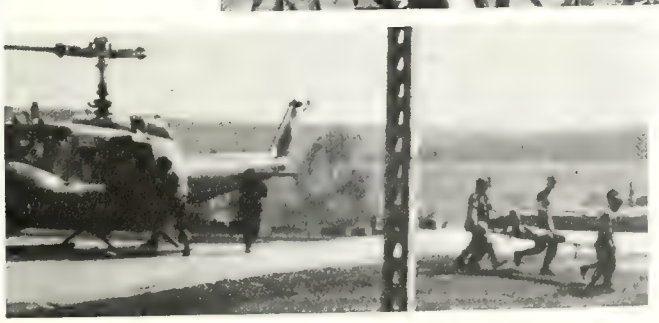
The American Embassy in Saigon . . . "There was ominous quiet. . . ."



Grace Seminary graduates, Chaplain John Talley and Chaplain Richard Pfaff, at Pleiku.

Chaplain Talley (second from right) has excellent rapport with his men. And they are all proud to be a part of the "Big Red One" (1st Infantry Division).





A seriously injured man being removed from helicopter.

Pray!

Six Protestant missionaries were slain recently. Pray for the church in these perilous times. Pray earnestly for chaplains and enlisted men; pray for their safety. Pray for Gen. Westmoreland and his staff who bear heavy responsibilities. Pray for decisions for Christ.

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Opinion Corner

Church-State Principle Threatened

By Maxwell Brenneman

Our precious liberty of separation of church and state is again challenged by Bishop Ernest J. Primeau of Manchester, New Hampshire, in the column, *Views of the People,* in the *National Register* dated October 19, 1967:

"An increasing number of Catholic schools will close over the next five years 'if no concern is demonstrated for their existence.' Where constitutional roadblocks to aid for parochial education exists, Catholics should work through the democratic processes for their removal. 'It is the right and duty of every Catholic to see that the injustice now existing which prevents financial help to children in Catholic schools should be redressed by a change in the constitution, if need be, to bring it in line with the times.'"

In the same issue of the *National Register,* the sympathetic tendencies of President Lyndon B. Johnson toward the Roman Catholic Church are enhanced by his words of comment in favor of the contribution of Catholic schools to the total American education effort.

In his letter saluting the observance of Catholic Education Week, President Johnson wrote:

"Catholic Education Week calls to mind the significant contribution of Catholic schools to the total American educational effort. This effort will measure the greatness of tomorrow's America.

"The distinguished list of Catholic graduates," continued the president, "who have been of service to our country attests to the splendid accomplishments of your schools. It is most encouraging to see that you are earnestly searching for improved ways to meet the educational challenges of our modern society.

"The schooling of our young," he continued, "is indeed a precious charge. It is gratifying to see your schools unselfishly sharing this responsibility with the other educational institutions of this land in the great American tradition. Let me extend my warmest best wishes to you."

With these observations we can see the present efforts being put forth under present political arrangements. We need to stand firm in our efforts to keep our religious and educational liberties, which our forefathers obtained with their sweat, blood, and tears. By whatever means, Rome is dedicated to gain control of nations not yet under her rule. Getting government support is an underlying motive, and she will use our liberties to remove the same liberties we are now enjoying. These liberties were wrought by faithful believers in the authority of the Word of God in laying the foundation stones of liberty emodied in the constitution of the United States. Let's not be confused by the new face being worn by this great system, showing it is but a surface current, when the undercurrents are not changing in her basic doctrines and policy. ▼

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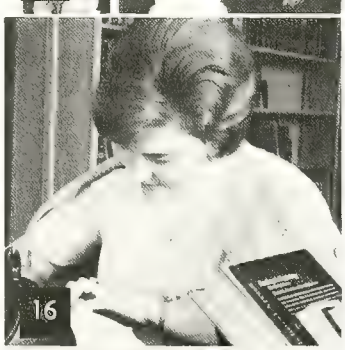
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The Editor Speaks . . . By Clyde K. Landrum

"Drawing the Net"

A few weeks ago I stood by the Sea of Galilee where Jesus taught His disciples so many illustrative lessons. I fully realized that the ground is not sacred; yet there was a special warmth and joy in my heart as I realized that it was somewhere around this beautiful lake that He encouraged them to cast their nets on the other side of the ship for a catch that strained their nets as they drew them in. And it was here that He had extended the invitation, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

As I ate a fish dinner almost at the lake's edge, I was constantly meditating upon this particular phase of Jesus' ministry to His disciples. I was rejoicing that they had followed Him and had learned not only how to draw the net to catch fish, but also to win men to Him. It was only natural to project my thinking to my own "fishing for men," and to the church's "drawing the net" in our evangelistic efforts. It was indeed a time of evaluation and of taking inventory.

The last Sunday of February is "Evangelism Sunday." It is not more sacred than any other Sunday. And it is not to be thought of as *the* Sunday on which we stress the winning of the lost to Christ. Indeed this is a ministry for every day of the year. However, this can be a time when we can remind ourselves of the importance—yes, the urgency—of this one job that Christ has asked us to do. It can be a time of heart-searching and evaluating our efforts in evangelism and a time of dedication to the task that will result in greater accomplishments. God grant that it might be all this and more.

In a survey of all Brethren pastors in the spring of 1967 some very interesting opinions on evangelism were expressed. It was the opinion of most that the pastor of the local church must lead out in the evangelism program, but 64.5% of those responding felt that he cannot do the job alone and that he needs an outside evangelist to help. Yet 65% felt that the full-time evangelist is not being used as much as previously, and 73% said they do not feel that the average church evangelistic campaign has an adequate amount of preparation. These opinions should lead us to re-evaluate our evangelistic efforts. Are our pastors doing their part in leading their people in evangelism? Are evangelists sufficiently prepared and spiritually ready to make their services attractive to the churches? And, are our people doing their part to plan and pray for meetings that are scheduled?

Campus Crusade and other organizations have demonstrated that people can be taught to witness. Perhaps we need to do more to teach our people the "how to" of evangelism. We must be careful to stress it not just as a course to be studied, but also as a calling to be followed. Rather than looking upon it as a duty, it must become a passion. The R. Paul Miller Lectures in Grace Seminary were established as a memorial to this outstanding Brethren evangelist, with the purpose of stressing the ministry of evangelism. They have been profitable and well-received. The lectures of Evangelist Dean Fetterhoff have been printed in the booklet *Dynamics of Evangelism* and widely distributed in our denomination. A vision of Dr. R. Paul Miller was to have a Chair of Evangelism at Grace Seminary. Would it be profitable to the cause of evangelism to work toward such a goal?

The Board of Evangelism is doing a good job. The appointment of a full-time director was a good move. Bill Smith and his staff are moving forward with plans for wider coverage of our churches. They are doing a good job of using literature in their meetings. Reports from their work are encouraging. The outlook is bright. With adequate prayer support and financial backing they will be able to continue and to expand their outreach.

On Evangelism Sunday and throughout the year let us work at the ministry of evangelism. Let us constantly be reminded that the invitation to the disciples, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," is also His invitation to us. Let us follow Him in the drawing of the net for souls! ▼

Sunday morning broke bright and clear over the Los Angeles basin. The sun tinged the snow-capped mountains with brilliant hues of gold, and the promise of a beautiful day was a reality. The freeways leading from the greater Los Angeles area were crowded with the exodus of city dwellers trekking to the myriad of

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A full church . . . and crowded parking lot.

resort areas that abound in Southern California. Campers, boats, and trailers, laden with recreational equipment, made driving hazardous on the second weekend of the new year.

Along this serpentine highway between Los Angeles and San Bernardino are many small cities with boundaries no longer distinctly defined. The "no-man's land" that once separated these suburban towns has long

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since been occupied by those residents who preferred commuting rather than living in the down-town area of Los Angeles. One such community is the city of Montclair. Originally it was just a typical, small college town but now, like all those others along the freeway, is caught up in the frenzy of activity of suburban America.

On the Sunday morning of January 8, 1968, however, not all the people who were traveling were headed for the mountains. Some turned off the freeway and into the parking lot of the Grace Brethren Church of Montclair—one hundred and fifty of them to be exact! To one noting the arrival of those coming to church on this morning, it was apparent that something special was afoot. In addition to the air of excitement that prevailed, the many savory dishes of food that dissappeared into the kitchen gave further evidence that this day was something special.

In the life and development of any Brethren Home Mission Church there are some days that stand out as memorable events. There is, first of all, the day that marks the very beginning of a new church; then there is the day when property is acquired, the day when ground is broken for a new building, the dedication of that new building, and perhaps some others which might be mentioned. Chief among them, though, in home-mission churches is that day when a church takes the step of faith and declares its financial independence from the home missions council. It was that day for the Grace Brethren Church of Montclair, California.

Begun ten years before, the Grace Brethren Church of Montclair had undergone all the vicissitudes of church development—heartaches, joy, disappointment, anticipation, and so on. But with the arrival of a new pastor this last year, Rev. Allen Herr, the progress in the church took on a new and consistent pattern of growth. For several consecutive months prior to the decision to go "self-supporting," there were decisions and baptisms nearly every Sunday. These facts stood out as an indication of God's blessing and direction for this group of believers. On hand to celebrate with them on this memorable day was the western field secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, Rev. Robert Thompson. He commended them for their faithful service in this corner of God's vineyard, and in a challenging message he exhorted them to be alert to the certain attempts of Satan to thwart them in their recent decision. He further pointed out for them that in their "declaration of independence" from the home missions council they were in a very real sense reaffirming their "dependence" in God's ability to supply their needs.

In Sunday school each class with 100 percent attendance had its picture taken, and each pupil was promised an enlarged black and white portrait of his particular group. Visitors were properly recognized, and they received a warm invitation to return again. The choir director, Mr. Ralph Kemmerer, led the congregation in singing several great hymns of the church, and the melody created by the singing of thankful voices added to the moving occasion. Seven decisions for Christ were recorded at the close of the service, and this was taken as a further token of God's approval on this step of faith.

It would be impossible to list all those individuals who, under the direction and blessing of the Lord, made this occasion possible. Each pastor and layman who had served here in the past had a definite part in the development of the home-mission church. In addition there were those countless friends, who, through faithful prayers and financial support, had really supplied the vital ingredients to such an effort. Building churches, as in so much of the Lord's work, is not a matter of individual or personal achievement but is the result of many people pulling together to accomplish the task.

That the Grace Brethren Church of Montclair recognized this day as simply a milestone in their program, rather than an end in itself, was evidenced in the meeting of the trustees in the afternoon. These men met to discuss plans for a Sunday-school annex to be constructed soon to accommodate the many new people who are beginning to come. It was perfectly clear that the Grace Brethren Church of Montclair had no intention of resting on its oars at this stage of its development, but was setting its course for greater victories in the days to come.—*Robert W. Thompson* ▼

"... not all the people were headed for the mountains!"

twice blind



by sally neely

On Monday evenings a meeting is held for blind Jewish people at the Brethren Messianic Testimony, better known as the Mission. These folk are transported by Mr. Bruce Button, Miss Isobel Fraser and Mr. John Neely. Mrs. Button and Mrs. Neely are left at the Mission to get chairs arranged, and so on.

When the cars return to the Mission, the horns are sounded, and Mrs. Button jumps up and opens the doors. Then we are all pressed into service as we lead these people inside and find them seats. After speaking with them for a week or two, they come to know who we are by our voices. Oh how precious some of these have become to us! They are very affectionate, and all the ladies have to kiss our ladies. As they are seated, they ask questions like the following: "Is Rose here?"; "Where's Dorothy? I want to sit by her."; or "Did Sam make it tonight?" It is sad, when one stands by with two good eyes and can see that Rose is not present, and that Dorothy is sitting on the green chair, and also that Sam is sitting on the couch happily chatting with the one beside him.

At eight o'clock Mr. Button calls the meeting to order and everyone gets very quiet. Should there be one who has not heard the meeting called to order, the others really get perturbed and shush that one in a hurry. They do not care who it might be either—one of the questionable blessings of not being able to see. After an opening prayer, we have roll call with each one giving his name. This gives these dear ones a general idea of who is present. Then, we have singing. Mr. Button and Mr. Neely take care of this, teaching some choruses. At our first meeting they sang, "There's a Welcome Here," led by Isobel Fraser. Our hearts were really warmed as we realized that all this had to be memorized, and we also felt that they meant it. These folks know no stranger, so we feel we have been accepted. They really try to sing and learn the words. I heard them sing, "Safe Am I, Safe Am I, In the Hollow of His Hand," and I felt they knew what they were singing. After this, we usually have a special number. Dianne Button Ballard has played a major part in the special numbers with her accordion; and now her husband, Paige, has entered the picture, and they sing together. Paige also plays the guitar. Mr. Neely plays a trumpet, so he also presents special numbers. Following the music, Mr. Button opens the Word of God and faithfully teaches these who have two strikes against them already—no sight and blinded by Jewish traditions. We close with prayer, and there are always those who have questions. While the men seek to answer these questions, the women proceed to put up trays, give out napkins and spoons, and then pass the refreshments. As they have this time of fellowship, we go among them and talk. There are always some who desire to know more about the One, Jesus our Messiah. We walk around filling cups and helping in whatever way we can. After all have eaten, the dishes removed, and trays taken down, Mrs. Button comes out with their

sweaters, coats, and a very important item to them, their canes. Good-byes are said, and they are all led out to the cars and driven to their homes.

These people have a handicap, but some have accepted their blindness and appear very happy. Others have never accepted it, and they are miserable. If we would tell them that they would be healed if they accepted Christ as their own personal Saviour, I believe they all would. But, we cannot promise them this. We can only present the Messiah Jesus to them as their Saviour and Hope, and it is up to each one to make this very personal decision for himself.

We feel that some might come to this meeting just so they can have fellowship with others, and one cannot blame them for this. Then some may come for the cake and coffee. Remember, Christ fed 5,000 men besides women and children with the five loaves and two fishes, and there were not 5,000 saved that day. Even then, with our Lord in the midst, some came for the material feeding.

But our point is this: these blind people come—and they hear! And our hope is that the Holy Spirit will take the message to their hearts. It is a sad thing to see blind people groping their way through life. Physical blindness—what a pity—but how much worse is spiritual blindness! If they could only say, "Once I was spiritually blind, but now I see," our shouts of praise from overflowing hearts would rock the Mission.

Pray for these as they come, also for others who do not attend, and for all of us that we might have the wisdom which comes only from above. Also, remember this class as it meets for a noon meeting once a month instead of at night. There are a few people who are not blind, who attend only this special event. ▼



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THE CHURCH THAT REFUSED TO BE CLOSED







It was a disappointing day. The reason? Apparently insurmountable circumstances had forced The Brethren Home Missions Council to put a "for sale" sign on the front lawn of the Grace Brethren Church of Berrien Springs, Michigan. The council, burdened with a need for a witness in the city, tried to sell the property to some other evangelical group. Nothing happened. They received no reasonable offers. The expense on the property began to mount. The council did its best to sell the church, but soon it became apparent this was not the will of God. The property wasn't supposed to be sold. The church was refusing to be closed!

In June, 1966, the Michigan District Mission Board met with Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council. Burdened about Berrien Springs, they decided to reopen the work. Present at the meeting was Mr. Robert Poirier, a student at the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music. Rev. Pifer presented the need of a minister to Robert Poirier. Mr. Poirier presented the obstacles in his way. He had six months of schooling left, a wife and six children to support, and add to this the 110 mile driving distance between Berrien Springs and Grand Rapids. The apparent answer was, "No." Two months of daily prayer later, the answer was, "Yes."

October 1, 1966, found laymen from the district arriving at Berrien Springs for a work day. Fifteen days later, fifteen people, including the Poirier family, traveled the 110 miles from Grand Rapids. Two people from the Berrien Springs community joined them for the four opening Sunday-school classes and the first worship service in the church.

Discouraged but not defeated, the small congregation began to feel God's blessing on their work. Interested individuals throughout the district helped the Berrien Springs believers financially. The church received a gift of $500 from the estate of a lady who passed away shortly after the work was reopened.

Two goals were set at their first service. The congregation determined to give a $100 Thanksgiving offering to The Brethren Home Missions Council and have forty people in Sunday school by Christmas. God saw fit to meet the first goal; the congregation had to wait for the second.

God blessed in other ways. On December 18 the first spiritual babies were born in the new Berrien Springs Grace Brethren Church.

As the work grew, so did the responsibilities. Soon Rev. Poirier needed help. It came in the form of Grace Seminary student Mike Ostrander and his wife, Judy, who came to Berrien Springs for a summer ministry. Before they left, the church also welcomed the arrival of Dr. Harold Mason and his family, missionaries from Africa.

October 22 was a very special day for the Berrien Springs Grace Brethren Church. It was the day when they had fifty-eight people in Sunday school and sixty-three in the morning worship service. They had prayed about this goal for over six months. It couldn't have happened on a better day, for October 22 was the day the Berrien Springs believers were enjoying the church's first anniversary.

October 29 was the final day of a Sunday-school contest that included seventeen fundamental churches. The winner? Berrien Springs Grace Brethren Church. They finished first with a 67 percent gain for the first five weeks over last year's average, and a 120 percent gain on the last Sunday of the contest. On the same Sunday God gave the church four public decisions. Two were for salvation and two for rededication.

It seems as if the Lord has an even greater year of blessing in store for the determined Berrien Springs Brethren.

By the way, if you're ever in Berrien Springs and would like to see one of the most difficult pieces of property to sell in the city, stop by the Berrien Springs Grace Brethren Church. It doesn't bother this congregation! This church has its doors wide open and is energetically doing its best to reach souls for Christ. ▼



A Painful Subject

Robert W. Thompson

In Southern California there is a dentist who advertises "painless dentistry." However, those who visit his office report that his advertising is not entirely true. Oh, the anesthetic renders one unconscious during the extraction, but when consciousness returns, there is a throbbing reminder of his work. In the same way many preachers have been promoting a propaganda of "painless giving." In their effort to desensitize the "pain" of giving, the great Biblical term *tithe* has taken on a certain theological onus that practically puts it in the same category as profanity. But tithing is a very proper term for a Christian's vocabulary; and in spite of its painful connotation, it is a very practical solution to the economic ills of our modern-day church.

We should remember, however, that not all pain is, in itself, a bad thing. Out of some suffering comes some very wonderful things. What woman would deny the blessed worthwhileness of the excruciating agony of childbirth? The wonderful flood of joy that fills her heart as she holds in her arms that newborn infant is reward enough for those hours of suffering. Although it is possible in this twentieth century to totally eliminate the pains of childbirth, medical authorities urge young mothers to use a minimum of these drugs in order to escape their detrimental side effects.

It is possible that in the efforts to eliminate the distress which some Christians evidently experience at the thought of giving, there has developed some serious complications within the body of Christ. Among the many devices that have been used to alleviate the pains of giving, the most

common is the propaganda that tithing is no longer necessary for New Testament believers. Such a practice is a serious mistake and is resulting in a group of believers who refuse to accept their responsibility in financing God's program. It has the same effect on Christians' giving as arsenic has as a remedy for headaches. It kills the pain, but the cure is fatal.

There is a unanimity of thinking concerning the necessity of giving, but little agreement as to the method. Knowing full well that we are moving into a raging sea of controversy, we would, nevertheless, like to launch our ship of protest against those who decry tithing as the proper *modus operandi* of Christians' giving in our churches. The chief argument, of course, is that we are under grace and not under law. They insist that tithing is an integral part of the law and has no place in the church program. The proponents of this theory have ignored the fact that the law contains many principles for life that extend beyond any one period of history. In their enthusiasm to refute this "legalistic practice," they have created a financial Frankenstein that now threatens the very welfare of the church. It is true that the Mosaic Law spelled out many distinctive aspects of tithing that were unique to that period, but the general concepts of tithing cannot be circumscribed by dispensational boundaries.

The term tithe means literally a tenth, but specifically it has reference to that portion of one's possessions that is returned to the Lord in demonstration of obedience and recognition of divine authority. Secular history records the fact that even pagan religions incorporated tithing as a vital part of religious life. Evidence of this practice was discovered among the Babylonians as early as 2100 B.C. and among the Greeks around 1300 B.C. In the days of Abraham, he paid tithes to the mysterious Melchesidec, and also Jacob is shown "pledging a tithe unto the Lord."

Jesus was not suggesting in the passage of Matthew 23:23 that tithing was unimportant, nor was He intimating any imminant obsolescence. Instead He was pointing out that any purely mechanical religious act apart from a proper motive was the worse kind of hypocrisy. Those who oppose tithing quote the familiar passage of II Corinthians 9:7 as their chief text; but, here again, Paul was not referring to the amount of one's gift, but rather to the attitude with which one gives it. No single text in the New Testament can possibly be construed as an abrogation of the historical principle of tithing any more than one can find a New Testament text to discredit the moral truths of the Mosaic Law. In fact, the weight of evidence is to the contrary, as indicated in I Corinthians 16:2 where Paul makes it clear that proportionate giving is still in vogue. He saw no particular need of a lengthy description of tithing to a people who had never questioned its validity. We had to wait until the twentieth century for this sophistocated and intellectual society to question such a practice.

Having considered the Biblical basis for tithing, let us now consider some logical reasons for continuing its practice today. What better way can one demonstrate the meaning of stewardship and man's recognition of God's provision? In a world that is overcome with greed and selfishness, believers should manifest their devotion to God in some concrete fashion. Tithing allows no room for spectators, but it involves every single individual. Our income tax laws make provision for a graduated scale of commitment, but in the rules of tithing there are no exemptions. The distinction between now and Moses' day is the manner in which they are collected. Then, the tithe was a mandatory obligation and was legally extracted from the individual. Today our privilege is to give voluntarily.

Not to be ignored is the evidence that those churches which practice this method of giving enjoy a greater degree of financial "success" than those which don't. In his book entitled *Creative Giving*, Mr. Harley C. Ward reports that "there is hardly a church in this country who suffers financially after adopting this [antiqued] practice of tithing." Some repudiate tithing by contending that it violates the principles of faith. On the contrary, the regular and consistent giving of a tenth of one's income calls for a robust faith not only in the reality of God but in His provisionary ability as well. There is very little need of faith for those who arbitrarily determine the amount of their contribution, which generally is determined on the basis of "what is left after all else is paid." Faith is much more integrally involved when one gives to the Lord His portion even before other matters are cared for.

We should not overlook the fact that to tithe is to evidence one's confidence in God's infinite wisdom. An omnipotent and omniscient God can be expected to always use the "best" means to an end. Finite creatures often arrive at the best method by trial and error. Historically God has used the principles of tithing as the best way to receive His rightful portion from His people. It appears that the "end" today is much the same as it was centuries ago. True, the setting is quite different in the twentieth century, but all else seems to be quite the same. However, instead of using God's pattern for achieving this end, we have resorted to the ridiculous methods of the world to do the work of the Lord—begging, pleading, cajoling, promoting, and so on. We quote endless reams of statistics concerning the devaluating dollar but fail to see that tithing can best stabilize the economic predicament of the church. Regardless of the inflationary trends, God's portion will always be in the proper perspective.

Without a doubt the most sensitive uncharted nerve in our body is the one between our hearts and wallets. In our tireless efforts to sedate this part of our being, we have been guilty of that sin which Malachi cried out against so long ago: the sin of "robbing God." Some have described the third chapter of Malachi as the "swan song" of the Old Testament; I think it is the prelude to the New Testament. This great prophet of a past era has given us a blueprint for prosperity if we will give heed to his words. In a day when the need for revival is more acute than ever before, let's not overlook this simple little remedy even though it may call for some personal suffering on our part. We have not been assured of an easy way. In fact, the contrary is true, for it is said, "It is given unto you, not only to believe on him but also to suffer for his sake." Let's not look just for an easy way, or a painless way, but let us go God's way! ▼

Church News

NOTICE. Information for your 1968 Vacation Bible School has been mailed to all churches. The Brethren Missionary Herald will pay the postage on all orders and will accept collect phone calls for rush orders again this year. Also, full credit will be granted for all leftover items that have not been used and are in salable condition. *Important!* Estimate your needs and order early! In 1967, particularly affecting some June schools, publisher's stocks were depleted in some courses. If you are planning a June VBS, we suggest that you send your order to the Missionary Herald by April 15 at the latest. Avoid disappointment by ordering early. Remember that the proceeds from your VBS purchases are used in the free literature ministry of the Herald Company.

CHANGES. Emlyn H. Jones, Headquarters 6th Battalion, 52nd Artillery, APO New York 09801. The new telephone number for Rev. and Mrs. William Schaffer is 503-252-1329. The telephone number of Rev. Arthur F. Collins, pastor of the Reading Brethren Church, Stoystown, Pa., is 814-893-5578. Please change your *Annual.*

WASHINGTON, D.C. Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church, has resigned and plans to leave the church in April. He will become Dean of Students and director of Christian service at the Akron Bible Institute, Akron, Ohio.

BROOKVILLE, OHIO. On Jan. 21 the first services were held in the new auditorium of the Brookville Grace Brethren Church. This unit, the second of three to be built, was constructed totally by the men of the church under the leadership of the pastor, Clair Brickel. The new auditorium will seat more than 300 people, and it has wall-to-wall carpeting, a church parlor with stuffed furniture, a church office, and a pastor's study. The first unit was completed in 1965, and the second has been under construction for the past 18 months. The total plan calls for a third unit which will be an educational unit. Plans for dedicating the $100,000 addition has been set for March 3. Evangelist and chalk artist Ding Teuling held a week of evangelistic meetings at the church recently.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. A son was born to Rev. and Mrs. David Thompson on Feb. 3. He weighed in at seven pounds and seven ounces. He was named Daniel Francis. Rev. Thompson is the pastor of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. In a letter received recently from Rev. and Mrs. Gene Witzky, they wrote, "Please express our thanks and appreciation for the many cards and letters from Brethren people during Jennifer's recent operation and recovery. (Their daughter's surgery was performed on Jan. 17.) We were very much aware of the many prayers that ascended to the Throne in our behalf."

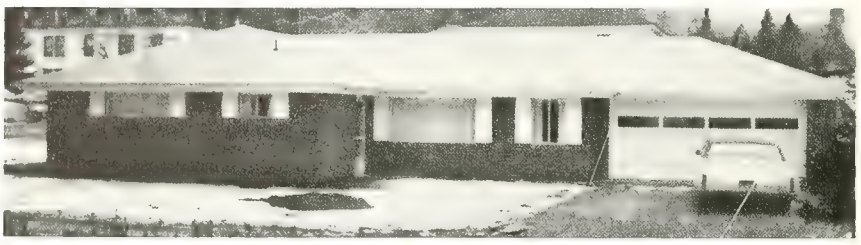
VIETNAM. Six Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries serving at Ban Me Thout were killed during a recent Viet Cong attack, and their station destroyed. Dead are Miss Carolyn Griswold and her father Leon Griswold; Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson; Miss Ruth Wilting, R.N.; and Rev. Robert Ziemer. Miss Betty Olsen was taken prisoner, and Mrs. Robert Zeimer was wounded. Attacks were made on stations at Dalat and Pleiku, but no missionaries were killed.

WESTMINSTER, CALIF. Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., professor of Old Testament at Grace College, was the guest speaker at the Westminster Brethren Church on Jan. 21. Also, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 24, the youth groups and the adult groups of the church met together in a joint meeting to hear Dr. Whitcomb speak on "Genesis and Evolution." Douglas E. Bray, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Rittman, Ohio	March 3-10	Charles Turner	Mason Cooper
Roanoke, Va.	April 7-14	Dayton Cundiff	James Custer
Waynesboro, Pa.	April 8-14	Wendell Kent	Scott Weaver

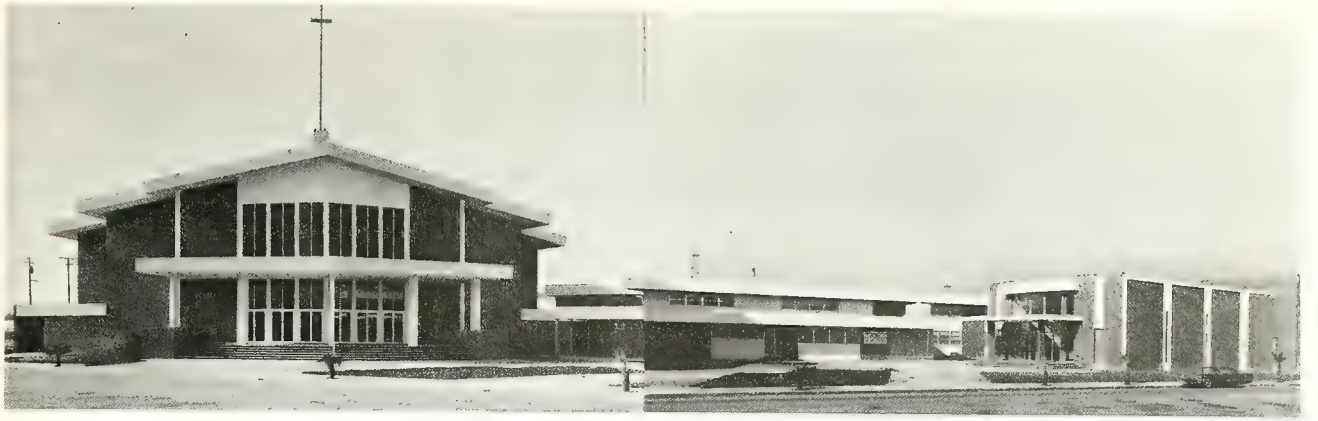


New four-bedroom parsonage of Jenners Brethren Church

JENNERS, PA. The new parsonage and fellowship hall of the Jenners Brethren Church were dedicated recently. Rev. Homer Lingenfelter, pastor of the Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa., was the dedication speaker. The parsonage is a four-bedroom ranch style house, and the fellowship hall will seat more than 100 persons at tables and has kitchen and storage facilities. Both buildings are of red brick. James F. Hoffmeyer, pastor.



New fellowship hall of Jenners Brethren Church



LONG BEACH, CALIF. On January 21 the congregation of the First Brethren Church moved into their new sanctuary (pictured above). It was on May 23 and 24, 1964, that the beautiful and spacious building which had been the home of the First Brethren Church family for 51 years was completely destroyed by fire. While the fire was still smouldering on that sad Sunday morning, services were transferred nine miles north to the buildings known as Brethren High School. The new building includes a sanctuary seating 1,450 people, a secondary auditorium seating 1,050, Benson Chapel seating 235, and several auditoriums seating 100. There are also Sunday-school facilities for 2,000 people, two Moller pipe organs, ramps for wheel chairs for all buildings, and a 13-office administration area. The gym is available for church groups, the sanctuary is completely air conditioned, and there is off-street parking for 240 cars.

DANVILLE, OHIO. On Jan. 21 the Danville Brethren Church dedicated new pulpit furniture. This marked the climax of the sixth step in a "pay-as-you-go" improvement program begun by the church three years ago. The congregation is praising the Lord for His marvelous provision. Edward N. Wingard, pastor.



ROANOKE, VA. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Teague were honored with an open house at the church parsonage on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary, Jan. 9. Rev. Teague has been pastor of the Ghent Brethren Church in Roanoke, Va., since September of 1956. He has held previous pastorates at Wheaton, Ill., and at Alexandria, Va.

HARRAH, WASH. On Sunday morning, Jan. 28, Steve Pickett, youth group president, presented the newly installed public address system in the sanctuary to the Harrah Brethren Church. This gift was purchased for the church through the youth group's "Project X." During the twelve year history of "Project X" the youth group has provided a book stall for mission work in Africa, tiling for the church, a stainless steel sink for the church kitchen, new hymnals—purchased last summer for the church sanctuary, and many other completed projects. Charles H. Winter, Pastor.

LA MIRADA, CALIF. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Burton G. Hatch, United States Army, a graduate of Biola College and Talbot Theological Seminary, was chosen as the Biola Alumnus of the Year for 1967. The announcement was made at the Biola homecoming banquet, November 11, 1967. Chaplain Hatch is one of twelve Brethren chaplains, eight of whom are serving with the U. S. Army. Last year he returned from a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam and is currently serving on the post chaplain staff at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

NOTICE. Sunday-school secretaries and pastors are reminded that orders for April-June Sunday-school materials were due Feb. 15. If your order hasn't been mailed, please send it to the Herald Co. at once. To insure delivery of take-home papers, Gospel Light is now requiring orders to be placed six weeks prior to the start of each new quarter.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Virginia Mae Weaver and Gary Lewis Riddle, Jan. 20, La Habra Brethren Church, La Habra, Calif.

Patricia Rae Fraters and Nick David Densmore, Jan. 27, La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.

Sandra Lee Gall and Richard Blume, Jan. 27, Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

DeBOLT, William Veigh, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Indiana, went to be with the Lord on January 8. Rev. Kenneth E. Russell of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Indiana, conducted the funeral services.

GEARHART, Mrs. Anna, 89, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, died Jan. 24. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

GOUGHNOUR, Mrs. Rebecca, 97, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., died Jan. 25. Alva Steffler, pastor.

Prayer and Praise

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—FRIDAY, MARCH 15

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord for the candidates whom He has called to foreign mission service, and pray that He will bless them as they pursue their preparation.

PRAY that God will bless those who prepare the monthly magazines, the *Trompette* in Africa and the *Heraldo* in Argentina, and that these publications may be helpful to the people who read them.

PRAY that missionary personnel and their families may have the blessing of health and well-being so that the Lord's work may continue unhindered.

PRAY that in God's own time He will make clear His plan for land and buildings for our two testimonies in Hawaii.

PRAY for the students and faculties of our various mission schools.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for the decision made by the Grace Brethren Church of Montclair, Calif., to go self-supporting. This church is the third one toward our goal of five self-supporting churches in 1968.

PRAY for Brethren in Atlanta, Ga.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Minerva, Ohio; Richmond, Va.; Richland, Wash.; and Santa Barbara, Calif., who are all looking for church locations to purchase.

PRAY for the Grace Brethren Church in Richland, Wash. Pray that it will continue to grow, and praise God that Nelson Hall is now the full-time pastor.

PRAY for continued response to the Minute-Man appeals and specifically for the Atlanta, Ga., one that was sent out recently.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for the many decisions for Christ which have been made in recent crusade meetings.

PRAY for Evangelist Scott Weaver as he has meetings in Cleveland, Ohio, and Elyria, Ohio.

PRAY for Evangelist James Custer as he has crusade meetings at Goshen, Ind., North English, Iowa, and at Grace College.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY for the quiz team that will be ministering in Puerto Rico in a few weeks. Pray for safety for these young people and their sponsor.

PRAY for the itineration of Dr. Harold Etling and Rev. Mert Lambert in several Sunday-school conventions.

PRAY for God's direction in the finalizing of plans for district camps, the national Christian education conference, and the national youth conference.

PRAY that every church may become deeply involved in a Vacation Bible School program during the coming summer months.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for the seminary students as they take their mid-semester examinations beginning March 18.

PRAY for students and faculty as they enter the period of the Easter vacation which begins April 5. Pray for the special ministries in which they will be engaged during this vacation.

PRAY for those who are working on the library building.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for a good year in 1967 for gospel literature distribution.

PRAISE Him, too, for a fine reception of the new Moody Press-BMH edition of Dr. McClain's book, *The Greatness of the Kingdom.*

PRAY for God's blessing on VBS programs now being planned.

PRAISE the Lord for the good response to the two new services offered by the BMH: Christian films and church offering envelopes.

PRAISE the Lord for renewed interest in the distribution of the Dean Risser tract both among Brethren and interdenominational groups.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for those men who participated in the services on Evangelism Sunday, Feb. 25.

PRAISE the Lord for those groups that regularly support the national laymen's projects.

PRAY for laymen who have the responsibility of guiding Christian Service Brigade groups.

WMC

PRAY that the WMC groups will prayerfully and liberally support the national goal of radio broadcasts in Brazil and Argentina.

PRAY for the district WMC groups in their spring meetings or conferences, and for the Lord's guidance in programs and plans for the new year.

PRAY for the local WMC ladies in order that they might prayerfully and energetically seek the lost souls in their communities.

SMM

PRAISE the Lord for the new SMM groups that have been started. Pray that these new groups will grow and will produce mature SMM girls.

PRAY for a greater vision on the part of every SMM girl to win others to Christ.

PRAY for continued wisdom for Mrs. Ralph Hall, national SMM patroness, and Ruth Ann Rogers, national SMM president.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

PRAISE God for many decisions for Christ among the servicemen.

PRAISE the Lord for a profitable visit by the endorsing agent to our chaplains around the world.

PRAY for God's guidance for enlisted men, chaplains, and Gen. Westmoreland and staff in Vietnam.

PRAISE the Lord for the safe arrival of Chaplain Emlyn Jones in Germany. Pray for him as he assumes his duties there.

By Rev. Bill Smith

Betty Weaver

(Soul Winner)

Betty Weaver usually accompanies her husband, Evangelist Scott Weaver, on his evangelistic crusade ministries. They have a 26-foot Globestar trailer which makes being away from home almost like being at home. Not only does Betty maintain their travel trailer on these trips, but also she is an effective soul winner and frequently teaches a course in soul-winning in connection with her husband's crusade meetings. I want to share with you several letters written in response to this soul-winning course taught during a recent series of meetings in Pennsylvania.

"I thank the Lord for the opportunity of attending a soul-winning class under the direction of our teacher, Mrs. Scott Weaver, who so ably instructed us. The study on soul-winning made me realize that I was not to do the work of the Holy Spirit, but just to be the introducer to Jesus. I especially liked the memorized approach questions and the fact that we didn't have to use a lot of Scriptures or extra helps to do the job. I also liked the controlled conversation technique used in this method. I must admit I'm scared, but by God's grace I want to join in this ministry of soul-winning."—*E.J.S.*

"I enjoyed the soul-winning class for several reasons:

(1) It enlightened me on different points and explained questions that were in my mind.

(2) It lessened my fear to approach others for Christ.

(3) It made me feel the need to go tell others more than ever before."—*E.G.*

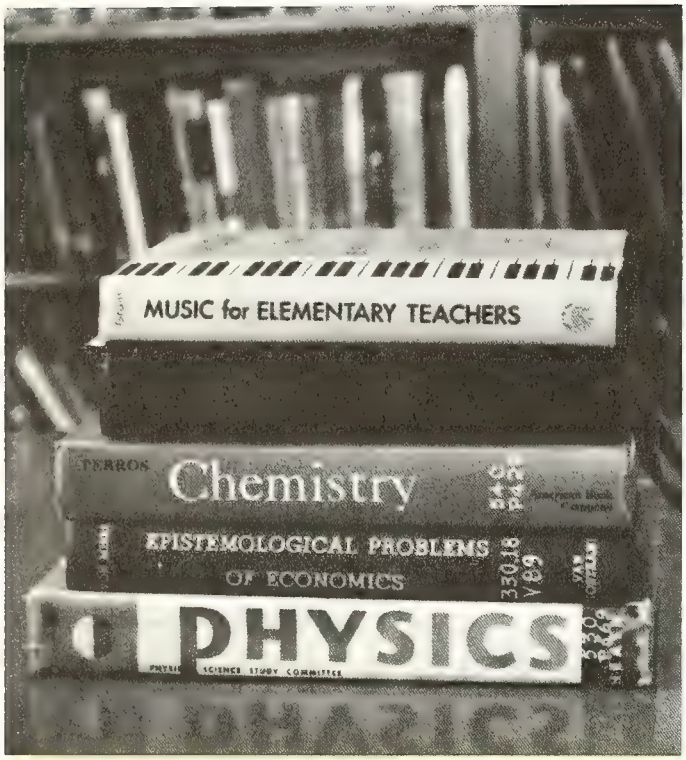
"The soul-winning class conducted by Mrs. Weaver was a real blessing to me. The plan was simple, yet I found it to be quite effective in actual practice. As I witnessed to my unsaved neighbor, I found that the plan we learned helped to keep me on the track, and I could bring the conversation to the actual point of asking if she would want to let Jesus come into her heart. Actually, I feel more organized in my witnessing now that I have learned this method. I am so glad that we were able to have this class."—*S.A.*



Mrs. Betty Weaver

"I have received a real blessing this past week by attending Mrs. Weaver's soul-winning class. The plan of salvation was made so clear and simple to me. On Friday I witnessed to my unsaved neighbor. This lady has lived beside me for over a year, but up until this time, I had never felt adequate enough to deal with her concerning her spiritual life. By using the plan we had been taught, I was able to do this in a systematic way. She hasn't accepted Christ, but I feel that the Holy Spirit is working. Please pray for her. I feel that what I have learned this week will make me a more effective Sunday-school teacher, as I intend to follow the plan with my pupils. I am glad this class was made available to me, and, too, for a teacher like Mrs. Weaver."—*B.L.*

"Witnessing has been hard for me; but after attending the class taught by Mrs. Weaver and receiving the 'four step plan,' I am encouraged, and I trust I'll be a faithful witness now that I have received this training."—*G.G.* ▼



Needed Today: Higher Academic Standards

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Theological Seminary and College

There is an academic revolution in progress within the area of education all across the world. Society in general is scarcely conscious of the trend. Even educators have been so much a part of the total scheme that they scarcely recognize its movement. Sputnik was the first public indication of its existence, though to the world of men and women even this did not carry with it a significant interpretation of meaning. Accumulating evidence of this trend is to be found in the massive increase in enrollment in institutions of higher learning. A few years ago there were just two and one-half million students enrolled in colleges and universities. In ten years time this has increased to seven and one-half million. And all the evidence points to the fact that in five years this number will exceed ten million. This gigantic surge in the direction of education is not accidental. There are facts to explain why the trend is moving into such astronomical dimensions.

The Knowledge Explosion

For one thing, this is the era of the knowledge explosion. In the last twenty years there has been more progress in unlocking the secrets of the universe than in all the history of the world up to this time. From the beginning of mankind until the time of Christ, knowledge doubled. From the time of Christ to 1700, knowledge doubled again. From 1700 to 1900 knowledge doubled yet again. From 1900 to 1950 knowledge doubled again. From 1950 to 1960 knowledge doubled again. And from 1960 to 1968, it is a fair conclusion that knowledge has doubled yet again. What the future holds is beyond the human mind to imagine.

Parents are made conscious of the vast increase of knowledge and its accessibility by what they see happening to their children in school. Where they were once able to help their children with schoolwork by the assistance they were able to give at home, they are now discovering it is impossible, because their children are being instructed in areas where parents have never been. Not only is this true in the area of increased information, but even in the methods of the acquisition of information.

The Changing Operation

A population explosion has forced humankind into the field of exploration. Research and investigation have turned up an almost unfathomable body of facts, devices, methods, and instruments to achieve even greater advances. This was absolutely necessary to cope with the ever-enlarging problems of a swiftly increasing population. And as is only too well known, the problems are running at greater speed than are the discoveries of solutions to the problems.

"...to meet the new demands by exacting preparation."



Increased population demands greater food production. This is being met in some parts of the world by amazing discoveries in increasing food production: the fertilization of the soil to unlock plant food, the manipulation of plant growth to respond to fertility, and the breeding of animals to yield more substantial food products. But since this is hardly meeting the need even in a small way, pharmaceutical research is seeking to develop drugs by which the population growth can be controlled. This last is not the real answer to the problem, it is just a desperate expedient.

Nevertheless, an increasing population, with a shrinking world because of the scientific development of new and faster methods of transportation and communication, is forcing changes on a vast and swiftly moving scale. This produces competition for survival.

The Challenging Competition

It was Sputnik that heralded a new era in academic circles in Russia and across the world. When this device was sent hurtling through space, suddenly men awoke to some of the implications involved. This meant that an enemy nation was in possession of information that could be developed to the point of spelling out the end of American freedom and plenty. It was then that the space race began. That race was felt immediately in the field of education in this country and in countries around the world.

Sputnik announced to the world that there was a portion of the world that had been almost totally ignored in the field of education. Russia, stretching across Europe and Asia to the Pacific Ocean, China, Japan, India, Indonesia, and Africa suddenly loomed up as important for study: language, culture, peoples, governments, and so on. This was important if for no other reason than to be prepared for the day when those realms could threaten the existence of other nations.

But the area of competition has been intensified by internal developments. Increasing population has enlarged the area of need in every realm of life. Management and labor in the field of industry have been brought into serious confrontation. Management employs automation to protect its interests, while labor brings collective bargaining to the front lines. Racism has developed. Colored people feel that the Whites are employing discrimination against them, so the Colored resort to demonstration to protect themselves.

The Exacting Preparation

All this points up the fact that one gigantic effort is being made to meet the new demands by an exacting preparation in the field of education. This is not the final, nor the only, solution. But it is one solution to the changing pattern of life in a world where there is a population explosion, knowledge explosion, and a problem explosion.

Education will play a vital role in the history of mankind in the years just ahead. Campuses will enlarge, student bodies will grow, faculties will multiply, knowledge will increase. And the academic standards must inevitably rise higher and higher. This is an essential ingredient of an increasingly competitive society for the sake of survival.

The highly trained man and woman will have a better opportunity of surviving in the midst of this changing society. Such an individual will be better able to adapt to the changes that are moving swiftly into the picture. It is therefore important that Christian parents do their best to see that their children have the privilege of attending a school that is keeping abreast of rising standards. This we are trying to accomplish at Grace for the Lord. And to succeed, we need the support of God's people. ▼

"This we are trying to accomplish in Grace Schools..."



Publications and the Academic Atmosphere

By Miss Ann Teel
Instructor in Journalism
Grace College

The academic atmosphere of a school is not an isolated thing. It is not something that is shut up in the classroom for special distribution at special hours. It is one part of school spirit and unity that is essential to a thriving institution. Academic atmosphere contributes to the whole just as individual activities on the campus help foster the academic climate.

Stimulation of thought, and practice in communication are important to any educational program. Both of these are aided by the campus publications. To thwart the voice of the students is to thwart practice in thinking and expression. The result is a blighted education. If students don't think about and comment on what they see around them now, they will be unlikely to respond to what lies beyond, to what will be major problems of the society in which they will be living. The Christian cannot isolate himself or permit himself to become indolent and unconcerned if he is to accomplish his best for the Lord.

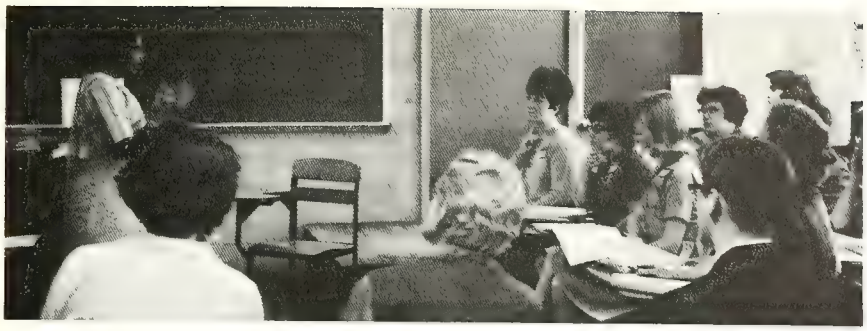
Grace College students edit two publications: The *Sounding Board,* which is the bi-monthly newspaper, and the *Heritage,* which is the school yearbook. The newspaper, because of its frequent publication and variety of content, provides the greater amount of student expression. It also provides training for students in writing and teaches the procedures involved in the distribution of news and opinion. The editorial board gains invaluable experience in planning for the editions of the paper. Few realize the hours that students spend to produce a paper. So much of their work goes unappreciated. But through it all they are cultivating dedication to an important responsibility. There is no better training for life.

In addition, there is the challenge of looking at school life and finding areas for editorial comment and action. Board members have the opportunity to write for the editorial page. Columns are another avenue of self-expression. At the present time the *Sounding Board* includes a column "Continental Comment" which discusses many topics, often those that deal with cultural differences.

Academically, the paper provides opportunity for articles of interpretation and information. Sometimes this is in the form of a guest editorial. Subjects range from the area of current events to campus problems. In recent issues Professor Wayne Snider and Dr. James Boyer contributed articles on the Russian revolution and the Egyptian/Israeli war respectively. A seminary student provided his opinion on the subject of moral rearmament. One editorial commemorated the Reformation. The paper also acquaints students with faculty members and other students who are excelling in numerous areas. This is extended to include emphasis on classroom and departmental efforts.

Letters to the editor also provide a vehicle for self-expression. Students and faculty members are invited to express their opinions concerning the content of the paper as well as to voice complaints and/or suggestions concerning any number of areas of discussion. Such letters serve a twofold purpose. First, they give the student a chance to express himself and to practice communicating with others. In addition, the letters stir controversy on campus. A campus that does not have student discussion is a dead campus. The chances of learning taking place are doubtful when students are not concerned with what is going on around them. Such a situation is similar to the person who wants to get to the mission field, but who, somehow, never gets around to being a missionary right where he is. The probability of students doing anything "out there" is slight when they aren't doing anything "right here."

Yes, stimulation of thought, and practice in communication are important factors for a healthy academic atmosphere; and these *are* aided by the presence of school publications on the campus. ▼



The C. E. Workshop

By Prof. Paul R. Fink

People who know little of the purpose or function of a theological seminary tend to think of seminaries as being cloisters, isolated from the world, in which introverts revel in "unscrewing the inscrutable." While this may have characterized the seminary of the Middle Ages, it does not characterize today's seminary – and certainly not Grace Theological Seminary!

For the past three years the Christian Education Department of Grace Theological Seminary has presented a Christian education workshop, dealing with teaching methods and materials. The workshop is planned and produced by the students enrolled in the Christian education methods and materials course. How does this Christian education workshop contribute to the academic climate on the seminary campus? The following testimonials from two of this year's participants at least partially answer that question. The first is from Mr. Richard Jensen, graduating senior from Harrah, Washington:

"During the month of January, 1968, it was my privilege to participate in two Christian education workshops. The value of these workshops cannot be measured in time spent in preparation or money used in the buying of materials for its presentation, but the value lies in the challenge to help teachers and Christian educators overcome the problems of the transfer of learning.

"Perhaps you have attended Sunday schools where the teacher did nothing more than lecture. Any chance for class participation was ruled out, due to the failure of the teacher to realize that teaching is more than a one-way conversation. In our workshop, we presented this problem and many others just like it; then by demonstrating different methods of teaching, we proceeded to show how these problems could be best overcome.

"Putting on a workshop of this nature is of great value to the seminary student. It shows him that there is more to education than learning "grocery lists" of facts. Factual knowledge is good, but knowing how to transfer this knowledge to others is better and is absolutely essential if one desires to be more than the 'one-way conversational' teacher.

"The preparation for presenting such a workshop involves many man-hours. Academic credit is given but is an inadequate reward for such an experience. The real reward comes when you as a teacher become aware of the problems in your teaching and try to overcome them by putting into practice those methods you have learned in the Christian education workshop. By the way, how long has it been since you tried a *panel discussion* in your classroom situation?"

The second testimonial is from Mr. Bill Pierson, graduating senior from Collingswood, New Jersey:

"What teacher has left a lasting influence on your learning experience? No doubt all of us can remember a teacher, whether in our elementary years or in our advanced years of school, who made a lasting impression on our personality. As I look back over my school years, one teacher constantly comes to my mind—his name is Prof. Experience. Prof. Experience was again active this past semester, as the members of the Christian Education Department of Grace Theological Seminary planned their annual workshop. Each member found himself actually incorporating the book knowledge that he had gained in the Christian education methods and materials course by constructing a realistic situation. Not only did we learn how drama could be used to teach a Sunday-school class, but also we demonstrated its use; and the methods of demonstration had to be those which would make it attractive and realistic to the Christian education leaders of the local churches.

"Mr. Leadership was also on hand. Cooperation between the students was absolutely essential, as each aspect of organization was carried out. We all learned how to work more efficiently as a unit.

"Webster says that *academic* means 'very learned but inexperienced in the world of practical reality.' It is my conviction, having better learned and retained the course material given to me through Prof. Experience, that we should make better use of him to supplement our academic situations."

What contribution does the Christian education workshop make to the academic climate of Grace Theological Seminary? It provides a real laboratory in which the participating students accomplish two things: (1) They confirm in their own experience the things that have been committed into their hands through classroom instruction, and (2) they have the privilege of passing their learning on to others, who will go forth into their various teaching situations and teach others to put them into practice, too! This is New Testament Christian education (see II Tim. 2:2). *You* can participate in the seminary's academic climate! The next time the seminary sponsors a workshop on its campus or in your district, be sure to take part in it if you possibly can. Then you will understand firsthand how the Christian education workshop contributes to the academic climate on Grace Theological Seminary campus. ▼

Physical Facilities Aid Academic Excellence

By Dr. J. D. Humberd, Chairman

Division of Natural Sciences, Grace College

In a recent document published by the Government Printing Office, *Equality of Educational Opportunity,* by James S. Coleman, there appears this statement:

"Differences in school facilities and curriculum . . . are so little related to differences in achievement levels of students, that, with few exceptions, their effects fail to appear even in a survey of this magnitude."

This conclusion might lead one to imagine that there is no value in improving school facilities. Certainly a school is more dependent for its quality on its faculty and student body than on the complexity of its buildings and equipment. The traditional log with a master teacher on one end and a student on the other is not completely an anachronism.

But, just as the automobile has replaced the horse-drawn carriage, and the supermarket has replaced the backyard garden and orchard, so the external trappings of education have become more and more complex. The writer was a student in the early days of another college, and has been on the faculty of Grace College from the earliest days, when there was not a building the college could claim as its own. He found, fortunately, that it was possible to compete with graduates from richly endowed institutions when he studied with them in the Navy and in graduate school. But, a school without adequate facilities cannot meet the needs of students in many ways which should be a normal part of one's educational experience.

Grace College existed for some years without a dormitory or dining facility on the campus. It is almost self-evident that the development of a "Grace" spirit in the present, larger student body necessitated such facilities. While the student body was small, the motel court, the Inn, and the hotel accommodations were greatly appreciated, but semi-public surroundings were recognized as temporary and emergency accommodations.

The College has for about fifteen years enjoyed the library facilities planned for a small seminary student body. The student body of the two schools is four or five times as large as the early plans projected, and the extension of library holdings in both the college and seminary has resulted in an over-crowded and difficult situation. Daily the students can eye with pleasure the construction taking place on the new three-story library facility. This building will become a learning center in which students can find study conditions second to none. The books which are now boxed away in storage will be available for use, and tables and chairs will be of sufficient number to invite enlarged library activity. Nothing can take the place of an adequate and accessible library in any program of higher education.

The improvement of facilities in special areas is equally desirable for those who wish to specialize. Music teaching and practice areas, physical education facilities, science laboratories, audio-visual equipment, and general classroom areas need to be provided if one's education is to be genuinely a college education.

Maintenance of buildings and grounds to provide warm, comfortable, surroundings is vital to academic excellence. A student coming to Grace College expects that his church has provided a place to live, a place to eat, a place to study, a place to worship, and a place to grow socially.

The Lord has been most gracious in providing the location and the present campus acreage and buildings. Each year sees great strides being made to improve as much as is possible the efficient use of these facilities. As the student body has continued to grow, it has been difficult to meet the double requirement of providing for the larger number and of improving conditions beyond what they have been in the past.

Grace College does not seek to improve physical facilities merely because everyone else is doing it. It is possible that some are overdoing it, and a small school could soon be over its head in difficulty if it attempted to compete in every way with a large public university. However, if one is to advertise that he is in the business of providing quality higher education, he is in competition with schools of nearly unlimited resources. He must pick and choose carefully what he can and cannot do, and with wisdom from above, advance on all fronts as rapidly as possible. If this cannot be done, he should not claim to be providing for the young people of this generation a higher education which will prepare them for their own times.

Grace College has been chosen by hundreds of earnest Christian students, and by the grace of God, has been able to provide an education sufficient to enable them to excel in many areas of service to God and humanity. The facilities have been stretched often to their limits, but they have stretched. Pray that they will continue to enlarge physically, and that they will be adequate to meet the needs of those hundreds of students who will look to Grace College for their college education in the years ahead. ▼

Why Foreign Languages?



By Mrs. Dorothy Tairac
Instructor in French
Grace College

Why study foreign languages? Here at Grace College and Seminary, the rationale for the study of Greek and Hebrew is quite clearly defined by simply stating that the study of these classical languages is a prerequisite for a thorough understanding of the Scriptures. But rationale, and consequently motivation on the part of the student, is a bit more difficult for the average layman to understand.

There is the student who enrolls in a foreign language course fully motivated to study the language of his choice by a call to the mission field or some other strongly motivating factor that makes him want to learn to speak and to communicate in that language. Another will enroll in a modern language course simply because the state law or the educational institution requires a certain number of credit hours in foreign language study for the granting of a liberal arts degree. The student of the first description has no problem with rationale or motivation; the latter many times has problems with both. Parents sometimes embrace this same problem and ask the question: "Why spend money and time to study a modern foreign language?"

Americans, with their heads in the sand, can no longer feel complacent regarding the challenge of modern foreign language study. Our shrinking world, international problems, and cultural appreciation creates a volume of challenging criteria for the mastering of languages other than our own. Even if one is quite thoroughly convinced that life's destinies will never draw him into international affairs, there is sufficient reason for the average stay-at-home American citizen to be interested in the language and culture of another people. Culture and language are interdependent, and the one irrevocably influences the other. What American citizen of our day does not feel the extreme importance of understanding other peoples? Many opportunities exist for both high school and college students and teachers to participate in some kind of overseas program. The Council on Student Travel has estimated that more than 5,000 high school students alone traveled abroad under various programs in 1962 (recent figures are not available). This does not include in any way the many missionaries and service groups abroad. Nor does it include the hundreds of college students who go overseas each year on short term missionary programs, to say nothing of our armed forces overseas.

To narrow the use of knowledge of a foreign language to that within our own shores, we need only to look into such publications as *A Handbook for Guiding Students in Modern Foreign Languages,* which is published by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or *Translating Foreign Language into Careers,* published by the Indiana Language Program, to see the vast number of vocational opportunities for people with a knowledge of some modern foreign language. The federal government alone lists needs for translators, interpreters, librarians, school teachers, reporters, and secretaries, all of whom need a knowledge of some foreign language. They also list the need for personnel with the knowledge of a foreign language in the area of immigration patrol, research and science information, foreign affairs, agency of international development, peace corps, United States information agency and intelligence operations (CIA and NSA). In the area of private business, personnel with foreign language competency is needed in the fields of publishing, journalism, advertising, transportation, travel, hotels, banking, import-export, manufacturing and mining.

In a recent study conducted of graduates of DePauw University, 106 out of 187 respondents to the questionnaire were in gainful employment involving the use of a foreign language.

Many times other cultures do have something to offer—even to us. This is especially true in the area of medical, surgical, and scientific research. This writer, within two weeks' time, translated two technical reports taken from French professional journals of medicine and surgery for a surgical and hospital supply firm in this area. One of these articles was over ten years old, and the equipment being described had been in wide use by surgeons in France for the past ten years. Yet this same equipment is only now receiving wide recognition in this country.

But there is still the student who must study that foreign language in order to receive his degree at the end of his four years of college, who will never use it overseas, nor on the job, nor in a vocation. Why must he study a foreign language? With modern emphases on the aural-oral approach, this student will suddenly realize that in his contact with life, he constantly meets up with phrases he has learned, words he has studied, and cultural implications which he has absorbed that would completely pass him by meaninglessly had he not been exposed to a foreign language. He cannot read a book, eat in a restaurant, listen to the radio, or view television without being constantly reminded that his study of a foreign language has enriched his life and expanded this capacity for appreciation. ▼



Closing the "Experience Gap" at Grace

While numerous advances have already been made at Grace College in the areas of faculty, buildings, and academic curriculum, there is one aspect of the teaching program at Grace which deserves further recognition. This has to do with recent teaching innovations which afford our students with an opportunity to become involved with the practical problems of teaching and working in their chosen areas of specialization.

As a Christian liberal arts college which also prepares young men and women for the teaching profession in the public schools, Grace College cannot afford to lag behind in introducing and offering practical educational experiences which will equip the fledgling teacher to give leadership and quality instruction when he enters his profession. Let's take a look at what is being done right now to accomplish this goal.

Members of Professor Charles Henry's abnormal psychology class engage in "volunteer" service at the Cardinal Learning Center and Industrial Workshop in Warsaw, where the mentally retarded receive special education and job training. The Grace students spend ten hours in service at the school—observing classes, helping the children read and learn number facts, and supervising playground activities. As a follow-up assignment the college students write a case history of one of the youngsters.

In the field of music, Grace students share the responsibility for the music program at the Warsaw Christian School. During the first semester of Mr. Franks' public school music course, students spent a part of one day a week at the school, teaching the children basic music knowledge and leading them into an appreciation of good music by special presentations and the singing of songs. Now during the second semester some of Mr. White's students in elementary school music have taken over and are continuing the program, while the second semester public school music class moves on to receive exposure in secondary music education. These students will now visit high schools and band clinics within traveling distance, and in addition will teach high school students everything from general music to chorus to band.

English majors at Grace gain experience in a new tutorial internship program held in cooperation with the Warsaw Community School system. Members of the methods in teaching high school English class, taught by Mr. Lovelady, commute regularly to Warsaw High School to spend a total of ten hours tutoring two different type of students: either those who are having difficulty with specific problems such as reading for comprehension, writing, and spelling, or those who are in advanced high school classes and wish to improve their skill in composition. In this experience Grace students are exposed realistically to the needs and problems of high school English students on an individual basis, and hopefully the challenge to communicate on this elemental level will strengthen their ability to cope with the student teaching experience which follows.

By Edgar J. Lovelady

Instructor in English

Although archaeology students at Grace College are not being specifically trained to teach the subject, the course is far from a textbook study. After basic techniques have been discussed, Dr. Davis' students locate an untouched Indian mound and approach it with the same careful zest as they would if they were digging up Jericho! All important aspects of gridding and probing a site are handled on the spot, with the students rotating their various responsibilities to obtain a general grasp of what is involved in conducting a "dig."

Dr. Humberd has overcome the lack of a computer on the Grace campus by taking his math majors who are in a computer course to a local accounting office in order to acquaint them with the IBM 1401 computer. The students have learned how to program it, how to set up problems, and how to key punch the IBM cards with the proper information. Here again, Grace students are learning to extend theory into practice.

An important resource innovation this year at Grace is the curriculum library, supervised by Mrs. Fink. One of the College classrooms has been adapted, stocked with materials, and staffed so that elementary and secondary education majors are able to examine and evaluate textbooks and curriculum guides which are used in the schools today.

Much more could be said about the exciting practical innovations in Grace's student education program. If you really want to know the full story of what progress is being made in relating academic instruction to practical encounter, come to the campus—either as a student or as an interested supporter of the school. You'll undoubtedly discover for yourself that we are closing the "experience gap" at Grace. ▼

Smarter Freshmen

Admission to Grace is not as easy as falling off the proverbial log. At least today it isn't. Some of our ancient alumni (circa 1950) may be able to recall when entrance was contingent on filling out a one-page questionnaire in the back of the catalog. Time and our admissions officers have changed things a bit; however, not everything has changed.

Grace still requires all regular students to write a statement of their Christian faith. On this point Grace is rapidly becoming unique among Christian colleges. While the spiritual standards remain unchanged, the academic requirements are much more stringent. All prospective freshmen are required to participate in the American College Testing Program (ACT). This is a series of tests (English, mathematics, social studies, and natural science) and a group of questions concerning the student's background and future plans. In order to be unconditionally accepted, the prospective student must obtain a composite score above the 25th percentile. In other words, he must score in the top three-fourths of all students taking the exam. But this is not the only academic requirement.

Entrance exams are not infallible as predictors of college success. Other factors are important. Motivation is a prime example. Unfortunately, motivation is a multifaceted abstraction which is difficult to define and nearly impossible to measure. However, a student's past performance is probably a partial measure of his motivation to achieve. This is one reason why most colleges look at a student's high school grades or his rank in class before admitting him to college. Here Grace is no exception. For unconditional acceptance a prospective freshman must rank in the top half of his high school graduating class.

What if a student does not quite measure up to one or both of these requirements? Conditional acceptance is a possibility. Each year a small and fixed percentage of the entering class is accepted as "conditional students." These students have a semester or two to prove their ability to do college-level work. Sometimes students are also encouraged to enroll in summer school and demonstrate their academic potential before the regular fall semester gets started.

These academic standards have resulted in smarter freshmen. For the past few years the academic potential of Grace freshmen has been steadily improving. This year a majority of our incoming students scored above the average for all colleges (450) participating in the ACT program. Furthermore, a high percentage of them scored above the 90th percentile on the ACT.—*Charles E. Henry, assistant professor of psychology* ▼

Grace College Bus

The 37-passenger bus recently acquired by Grace Schools is shown here in front of McClain Hall with Harry Froehlich, Jr., the seminary student who will be driving the bus. The administration, faculty, and student body wish to express sincere appreciation to the more than 1,000 donors who contributed 2,669 books of S&H and Top Value stamps over the last several years toward this project. The bus, which was used for the first time to take the Lancers basketball team to Cedarville, Ohio, on January 5, will be used by athletic teams, the college choir, and others.



Second Semester Enrollment Strong

Grace College registrar Ron Henry reports that the total second-semester enrollment is 491, as compared with 492 for the fall. The national average for the 2,100 colleges and universities in America is an 8 to 10 percent drop in second-semester enrollment from the fall total. As the budget is predicated largely on student enrollment, administrative officials at Grace praise the Lord for this good enrollment figure.

Second-semester enrollment for Grace Seminary totaled 171, as compared with 178 for the fall, according to Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., seminary registrar.



Roland Makeieff

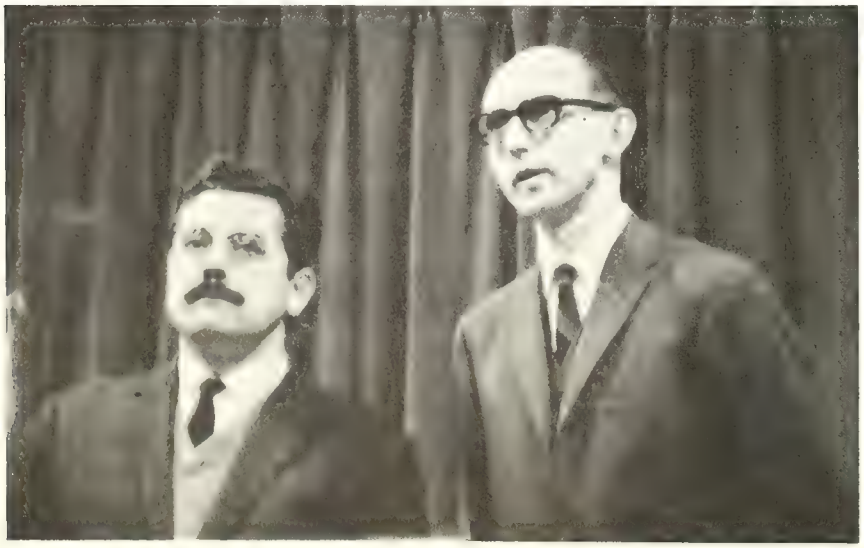
Good-bye to Roland

Grace College freshman Roland D. Makeieff, 20, of Marseilles, France, was killed on Christmas Day, 1967, when a car in which he was riding went out of control on an ice-slick pavement and slammed broadside into an oncoming car three miles south of Berrien Springs, Michigan. Injured in the crash were Roland's brother, Jean-Pierre, 22, a Grace College senior, and W. Steve Wright, 23, the driver of the car and a former Grace student.

The accident occurred at about 1:35 p.m. as the boys were on their way to Christmas dinner with Wright's relatives. The French students had been spending the Christmas holidays in Berrien Springs and were planning to travel to Urbana, Illinois, the following Tuesday to attend an Inter-Varsity Missionary Conference with Brethren missionary Tom Julien.

The Makeieff family first became acquainted with The Brethren Church through the influence of the P. Fred Fogle missionary family, working at that time in Lyon, France.

A unique bilingual funeral service was held in McClain Hall Chapel on December 30 with Roland's parents present. The service consisted of tributes by Grace president Herman A. Hoyt and college student-body president Steve Young; the message was brought by Rev. Fogle. Each part of the service was given in English, with a free translation into French immediately following.



Roland's father, Mr. George Makeieff (left), giving a testimony in chapel with Rev. Tom Julien translating.

A most unusual and moving part of the service was a request by Mr. George Makeieff, Roland's father, to give a word of personal testimony. Speaking for approximately fifteen minutes, with Rev. Tom Julien translating, Mr. Makeieff told a moving story of Roland's life. He told how Roland had known the Lord but had had "spiritual troubles," how he had often prayed with his father about the Lord's will for his life, how he had worked with a group of French young people and how he had led several of them to the Lord, and finally how Roland had reached "spiritual victory" in his life which led to his ultimate decision to come to America to prepare for the Lord's service.

A memorial service for Roland was held in the college chapel service on Thursday, January 4, after the college students had returned from vacation. A portion of the funeral service was replayed on video tape, and Mr. Makeieff, a plumber-electrician by trade, again gave an outstanding testimony of the Lord's goodness and grace. "Although we shall never see our son again on this earth," he said, "we know we shall see him again in heaven—not as a son, but as a brother in the Lord!"

At the conclusion of the service, twenty-two college students indicated a desire to consecrate themselves completely to the Lord's will for their lives. ▼

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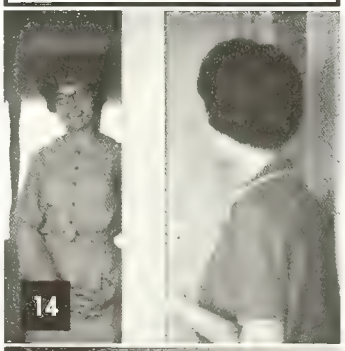
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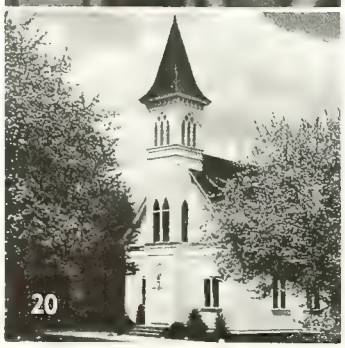
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COVER PHOTO—The rain god was the most important god in the Indian culture of the many tribes of Mexico. Corn was—and still is, in the central part of the country—the basic food. But it all depends on the rain. This idol, flat on his back in a fountain, is an artist's conception of the due respect paid the rain god. In one hand he has an ear of corn and in the other a few kernels. (Zielasko photo)

The Editor Speaks . . . By Clyde K. Landrum

"Six Among the Multitude"

The tragic death of six Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries in Vietnam recently at a place called Ban Me Thout dramatizes anew the price that is being paid around the world to get the work of the Lord done. Christ said to Peter, "I will build my church," and He is doing just that today. He is using those who are willing to be used to accomplish this work. These are six among the multitude of those who have proved with their lives the statement, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Another missionary was seriously wounded in the attack by the Viet Cong in which the six were killed. Still another was taken prisoner.

To say that the Ban Me Thout missionaries were dedicated does not tell the whole story—nor even to say that they were willing to die for a cause—for were not the nineteen Viet Cong who stormed the American Embassy in Saigon in a suicidal attack dedicated? Willing to die for *their* cause? The whole story is told in the fact that the missionaries died for Christ's cause: the building of the true church of Jesus Christ. They had accepted the challenge given by Christ himself, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." They had said to Him, "Lead on O King Eternal . . ." and He led them to Vietnam where they willingly gave their lives for *His* cause.

Our sympathies go out to families and friends of these who have paid with their lives. Our word of encouragement to the approximately 130 other C & M A missionaries in Vietnam is, "We are praying for you. We stand with you in these trying times." But we also go further and say, "We mourn not as those who have no hope. We *have* a hope, and we move forward with you in that hope." The cause of Christ did not die at Ban Me Thout, or in the Congo, or in Ecuador. It is a winning cause; it is succeeding today.

For Daniel there was the den of lions. Paul suffered in a prison in Rome. Today we have Ban Me Thout. Rather than being discouragements, such trials can help the cause of Christ if we accept them under the direction of the Holy Spirit. We must in patience and endurance keep in mind that even if all the world be against us, Christ is for us. If the world hates us, this in no sense minimizes the great love of our God. If man's power seems great, remember that God's is greater.

An army chaplain in Vietnam told me recently that the morale of the men in his outfit is highest when they are in combat. They accept the battle as a challenge to push the enemy back, and move forward themselves. Perhaps God is now, through the Ban Me Thout tragedy, challenging the church of Jesus Christ to move forward in a greater way than before. We *are* in a battle; we *will* face problems. But as we move united in Christ, standing together in prayer, we shall see even greater accomplishments. To the old and to the young, we will communicate the message that there is help in the eternal God.

The real vindication of such an outlook will come in a moving forward of young people in dedication of life for service, when the appeal is made for replacements for the six who have been taken. God buries His workers, but His work always goes on. Such tragedies as we now have before us have always stirred Christian young people to action in the past. Will it be any different today? God grant that there shall be ten times six—and even more—who will step forward to take the place of the six who paid with their lives for the Lord and His work at Ban Me Thout! ▼



"To the old and to the young, we will communicate the message that there is help in the eternal God." (BMH staff photos)





Victor Wagner plays the accordion while his wife, Dory, leads singing for a group of Indians in northern Argentina.

REACHING THE INDIAN

By Bertha Abel

The Great Commission is not just for the United States and a few other countries. No, it was given for all Christians *everywhere*. The Argentine National Church, which has been reaching out from home base to new places and extending its witness, has also had a burden for a very neglected field right in the same country—although quite a distance away. This burden became a project, which stretched out over about four years.

In the province of Formosa, just below Paraguay, is an Indian settlement called Navagan. Around noon, this past May 23, Victor Wagner (son of national Pastor and Mrs. Ricardo Wagner), his wife, Dory, and their little son, Eduardo, arrived in Navagan. In this settlement there are no stores or trading posts; in fact, there aren't any even close by. From a material standpoint there is nothing appealing in the sight of Navagan, but to the Victor Wagners it meant they were "home" at last! This was the field to which God had called them and for which their hearts had longed for several years. An Indian, who had heard that the jeep and truck were coming up the road, was waiting to meet them. In very broken Spanish he greeted them: "Hola—Victor—Todos contentos—llegar Victor—esposa." ("Hello—Victor—Everyone happy—come Victor—wife.") And this expressed the feelings of the entire Indian group.

But in Navagan, where the Indians live in little huts or lean-to's, there are no dwelling places to rent or buy. So, the first task was to build some sort of house for the new missionaries. Two laymen had come along not only to bring the furniture, trunks, boxes, building materials, and such in the trailer-truck, but also to help with the building. That very afternoon the chief had seven or eight of the Indian men clear the ground on the site where the house would be, and then three of them continued to help with the construction. The main supports for the "house" are poles made from a tree known for its hard wood. The walls are plastered with mud, made from the dirt of ant hills. (Since Argentina abounds with ants, there is no scarcity of this material, and Victor says it is just the thing for making firm mud.) The roof consists of pieces of aluminum sheeting. The blessing of the Lord on this new venture was evidenced by His control of the weather during the time the house was being built. It was dry the entire time, but when the last piece of aluminum sheeting was fastened in place, the skies suddenly opened and sent down a heavy rain!

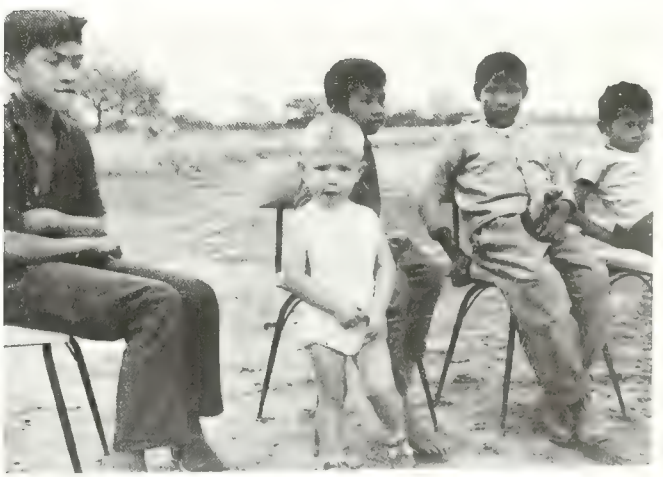
OF ARGENTINA

Seventeen miles away—between Navagan and the nearest town—the government maintains a sort of dispensary. When Miss Eunice Siccardi, who is a graduate nurse as well as a graduate of our Bible Institute, learned that Navagan had been chosen as the place for the church's missionary endeavor, she applied for the position of nurse at this dispensary. Humanly speaking, there was very little possibility of her getting it. But here again the Lord blessed by enabling her to receive the government authorization for this post. With the position she receives a salary from the government, and she is also able to help on a part-time basis in the work at Navagan. Miss Siccardi was the first to receive the Lord's call to work among the Indians, and during the intervening years she had been faithfully working among them in other places with other mission groups.

Even though the Wagners are busy now studying the language of this tribe of Indians (Toba Pilaga), they are also working with them as much as possible in spiritual things. Victor plays the accordion for the singing (the accordion is something new for the Indians, and its music really delights them), and then he gives the message through an interpreter. During the rest of the time he tries to give spiritual help individually as he has contact with various ones. This group of Indians is very hungry to hear God's Word and is really responding to the Gospel. Two chiefs are among those who have responded. On an exploratory trip that Victor had made earlier, a witch doctor accepted Christ as Saviour. Victor is rejoicing in finding the man entirely changed, having completely put away his enchantments, and now the Lord's peace can be seen reflected on his face.

So, rejoice with the Argentine church in these manifestations of God's blessing on this new work! And pray that His blessing will continue as souls are saved and lives are changed. ▼

Indian boys with Eduardo (Eddie), son of missionaries Victor and Dory Wagner.



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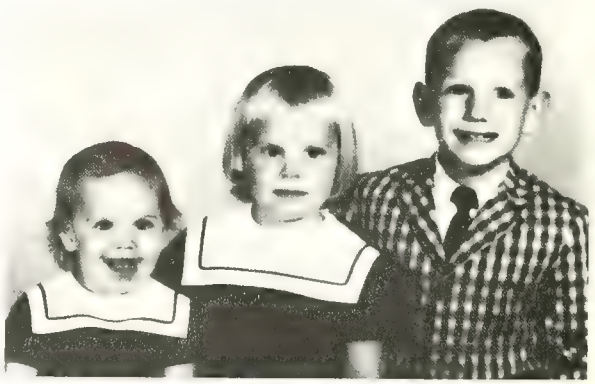


Last month you saw a group picture of the Missionary Helpers Club at the Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio, along with some of the individual pictures of the MH'ers. Here are the rest of them.

Top row, left to right: Lu Ann Wilson, Karen Damon, Kevin Damon, Sheryl Damon, Stephen Damon, Jeffrey Biehler. Bottom row: Lois Tressler, Deborah Shimp, Frances Mae Vrock, Carol Vrock, Kathy Vrock.

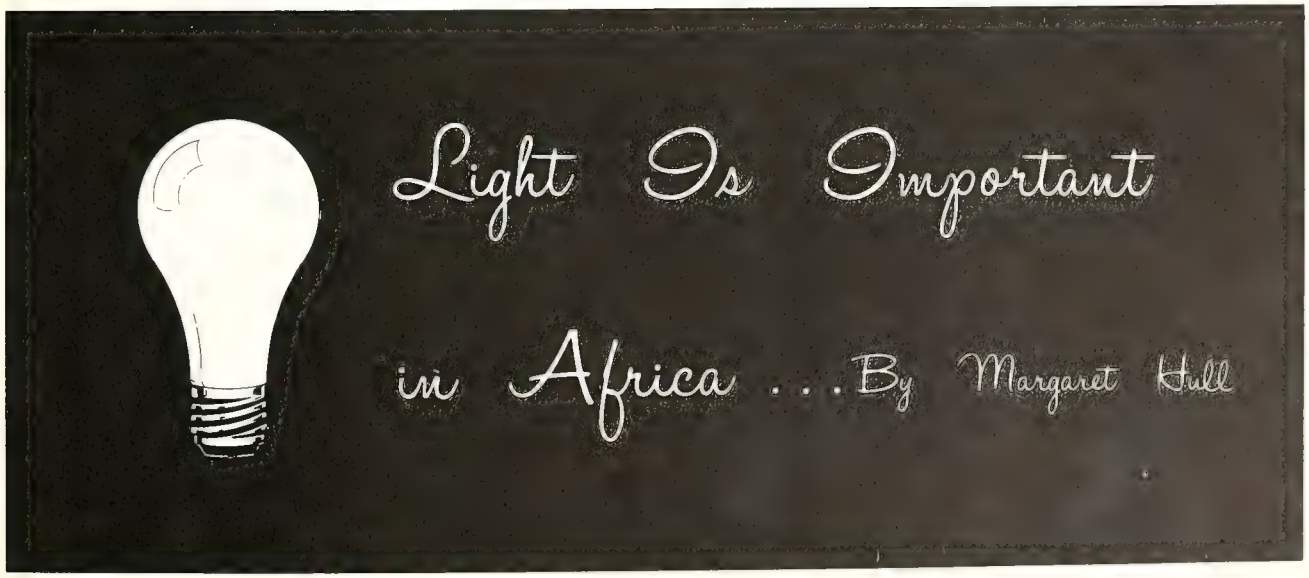


At left, Katrina Glaspy. At right, the Gardner children: Michelle, Lori, and David.



HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY—





Thank God for the Light which He sent into the world. Even here, in "dark Africa," that Light has shone into individual hearts and it *has* made a difference.

Out here light is important. One is afraid to walk at night without a light. The lights in the sky are important, too. A day is known as one sun; a month is one moon. And we watch the stars. I often think that if the star of Bethlehem were to shine at home today, many people would miss it, because they are too busy to look up, and their artificial lights might even outshine the star. But out here in the dark, we would see that star.

N'Zoro is our northernmost station in the Central African Republic, practically on the Chad border. I heard a thrilling testimony when I was there recently. The N'Zoro pastor told of his conversion, now twenty years ago. He told how an African came to his village and gave the gospel story. He tried to resist the invitation to believe, but something compelled him to go back to the house where the man with the Gospel was staying, compelled him to listen to the Gospel again, compelled him to listen and believe. He said, "Probably if the same things were to happen to me today because I am a Christian, as happened to me then, I would turn back from the way. But then my faith was very strong." I thought of the apostle Paul, as Pastor Joseph told how he was beaten and left for dead, how he was thrown in jail for ten days, how his wife was persecuted. Why? Because the people in that village did not want the Light. The witch doctors did not want to lose their powers.

But the Light penetrated. Pastor Joseph is one of the most faithful and most fearless pastors in our church in Africa. At the N'Zoro dispensary every week there are decisions for Christ. Practically every Sunday there are decisions in church. And on the "hill" side of the village where most of the Christians live, you can hear singing and laughter late into the night many nights. But the father of darkness is still opposing the Light. On the downhill side of the village you can hear drums and dancing many nights. There is drinking and much looseness of living—darkness opposing the Light.

Yesterday I was called to the village on an emergency. A woman was having her baby on the road. I arrived in time to finish delivering the baby, head last. His heart was beating, but he was not breathing. I worked on him a bit by the side of the road; and when the mother was able to be moved, two men standing by helped me put her in the car. I wanted to rush the baby to the hospital, for I thought medicine and oxygen would help him breathe. I looked around for a woman to hold the baby while I drove. The pastor's wife, a deacon's wife, another Christian lady were all there. Yet not one of them made a move to touch the baby. Fears and superstitions, how strong they are!

Almost a year ago Anne was born here at the hospital. Her mother died the day after delivery, and her twin sister died about a week later. Again, because of the fear of death and superstition concerning multiple births, the family would not touch the babies. The father would not claim them. What could we do? Finally the head nurse said if no one else wanted Anne, he would take her and adopt her for his own. Recently Anne came to visit. She is a strong, healthy baby. She has two teeth. Her adopted mother is very proud of her. Perhaps this does not sound spectacular to you. But Anne is of a different tribe than the head nurse, a tribe which is considered inferior by them. Tribal feelings are still strong. Very rarely is there intermarriage between tribes. We have marveled and thanked the Lord many times for the example of love which this nurse has given. One missionary remarked, "Why, he's just like a white person." "No," someone answered, "not like a white man, but like a Christian. He is behaving the way a Christian would be expected to behave." The deeds tell the tale.

I'm thankful for the Light—this great Light which has truly warmed my heart and which I hope is shining through. It will soon be three years that I have been in Africa. I have not seen spectacular results from my being here. But I do believe His love has shone through and that others have been warmed by it. The love is there because the Light is there. Pray that I may be His light, shining the way He wants. ▼

ANNUAL OFFERING REPORT

BRETHREN FOREIGN MISSIONS

JANUARY 1, 1967 TO DECEMBER 31, 1967

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT

Accident, Md.	$ 305.00
Aleppo, Pa.	372.61
Grafton, W. Va.	222.73
Jenners, Pa.	1,399.09
Listie, Pa.	1,968.77
Meyersdale, Pa.	2,254.51
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	641.04
Parkersburg, W. Va.	1,065.25
Stoystown, Pa. (Reading)	196.00
Uniontown, Pa.	4,403.49
Washington, Pa.	2,085.10
Westernport, Md.	338.93
Allegheny District, Misc.	55.00
	$ 15,307.52

EAST DISTRICT

Altoona, Pa. (First)	$ 1,682.50
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	2,346.52
Conemaugh, Pa.	4,303.00
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	3,361.31
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	2,311.31
Duncanville, Pa. (Leamersville)	3,597.35
Everett, Pa.	2,182.09
Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	2,152.00
Hopewell, Pa.	531.19
Jefferson Center, Pa. (Calvary)	4.37
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	6,668.92
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	408.05
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	958.30
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	6,714.11
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	1,017.96
Martinsburg, Pa.	5,658.68
East District, Misc.	130.67
	$ 44,028.33

FLORIDA DISTRICT

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	$ 5,179.66
Fort Myers, Fla.	1,178.34
Maitland, Fla.	310.00
Margate, Fla.	1,215.37
Pompano Beach, Fla.	1,261.47
St. Petersburg, Fla.	14.88
Florida District, Misc.	39.50
	$ 9,199.22

INDIANA DISTRICT

Berne, Ind.	$ 7,034.06
Clay City, Ind.	577.00
Elkhart, Ind.	3,984.74
Flora, Ind.	1,342.26
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	6,079.42
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	410.41
Goshen, Ind.	756.97
Indianapolis, Ind.	377.35
Kokomo, Ind.	516.10
Leesburg, Ind.	1,902.25
Osceola, Ind.	7,135.15
Peru, Ind.	1,791.73
Sellersburg, Ind.	235.33
Sidney, Ind.	1,474.00
South Bend, Ind.	1,670.50
Warsaw, Ind.	4,185.87
Wheaton, Ill.	1,741.11
Winona Lake, Ind.	5,892.63
Indiana District, Misc.	151.27
	$ 47,258.15

IOWA DISTRICT

Cedar Rapids, Iowa	$ 281.25
Dallas Center, Iowa	3,259.35
Davenport, Iowa	761.58
Des Moines, Iowa	82.65
Garwin, Iowa	2,254.23
Leon, Iowa	875.40
North English, Iowa (Pleasant Grove)	296.00
Waterloo, Iowa	6,395.60
Winona, Minn.	93.50
	$ 14,299.56

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Alto, Mich.	$ 1,072.50
Berrien Springs, Mich.	122.50
Hastings, Mich.	434.30
Jackson, Mich.	266.66
Lake Odessa, Mich.	482.00
Lansing, Mich.	708.04
New Troy, Mich.	1,613.00
Trout Lake, Mich.	123.00
Michigan District, Misc.	35.60
	$ 4,857.60

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Alexandria, Va.	$ 795.40
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	1,593.31
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay Street)	477.90
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	6,874.11
Martinsburg, W. Va.	1,889.79
Washington, D. C. (First)	4,344.01
Washington, D. C. (Grace)	731.47
Waynesboro, Pa.	5,050.80
Winchester, Va.	3,242.47
Mid-Atlantic District, Misc.	160.00
	$ 25,159.26

MIDWEST DISTRICT

Albuquerque, N. Mex.	$ 451.08
Arvada, Colo.	1,128.27
Beaver City, Nebr.	190.52
Cheyenne, Wyo.	225.00
Counselor, N. Mex.	332.47
Denver, Colo.	1,039.73
Portis, Kan.	2,770.50
Taos, N. Mex.	647.74
	$ 6,785.31

NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Allentown, Pa.	$ 1,115.26
Elizabethtown, Pa.	747.10
Harrisburg, Pa.	3,758.67
Hatboro, Pa.	1,416.18
Lancaster, Pa.	4,657.86
Manheim, Pa.	914.64
New Holland, Pa.	1,898.77
Palmyra, Pa.	1,380.11
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	6,991.08
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	5,000.41
Telford, Pa. (Penn Valley)	2,055.00
York, Pa.	2,380.00
Northern Atlantic District, Misc.	219.50
	$ 32,534.58

NOR-CAL DISTRICT

Chico, Calif.	$ 1,499.19
Grass Valley, Calif.	120.48
Modesto, Calif. (Greenwood)	1,502.50
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	9,297.75
Ripon, Calif.	210.00
Sacramento, Calif.	721.00
San Jose, Calif.	471.18
Tracy, Calif.	805.11
	$ 14,627.21

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Akron, Ohio (First)	$ 5,535.59
Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	6,373.92
Ashland, Ohio (Southview)	4,545.14
Barberton, Ohio (Norton)	553.97
Bellville, Ohio (Ankenytown)	1,729.83
Bowling Green, Ohio	69.00
Canton, Ohio	1,949.37
Cleveland, Ohio	759.22
Columbus, Ohio	2,843.40
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	1,673.00
Danville, Ohio	567.64
Defiance, Ohio	177.48
Elyria, Ohio	954.51
Findlay, Ohio	1,232.42
Fremont, Ohio (Chapel)	28.41
Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	4,158.11
Galion, Ohio	327.82
Homerville, Ohio	2,107.05
Lexington, Ohio	532.09
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	5,827.30
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	2,286.98
Middlebranch, Ohio	6,392.00
Minerva, Ohio	432.50
Rittman, Ohio	5,454.23
Sterling, Ohio	2,993.47
Wooster, Ohio	20,052.89
Northern Ohio District, Misc.	763.95
	$ 80,321.29

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Albany, Oreg.	$ 1,348.00
Beaverton, Oreg.	375.90
Bothell, Wash.	410.82
Grandview, Wash.	1,294.26
Harrah, Wash.	2,308.55
Kent, Wash.	1,575.94
Mabton, Wash.	451.65
Portland, Oreg.	290.24
Richland, Wash.	129.50
Spokane, Wash.	215.22
Sunnyside, Wash.	4,264.18
Toppenish, Wash.	1,028.25
Yakima, Wash.	1,619.82
	$ 15,312.33

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Atlanta, Georgia	$ 10.00
Boones Mill, Va.	75.00
Buena Vista, Va.	1,043.16
Covington, Va.	2,506.97
Hollins, Va.	1,194.97
Johnson City, Tenn.	1,210.78
Limestone, Tenn.	1,859.22
Radford, Va.	404.28
Richmond, Va.	26.50
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	644.53
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	101.00
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	2,379.81
Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)	399.65
Virginia Beach, Va.	33.69
Willis, Va.	74.22
Southeast District, Misc.	25.00
	$ 11,988.78

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA DISTRICT

Anaheim, Calif.	$ 1,308.61
Beaumont, Calif.	2,961.33
Bell, Calif.	806.73
Bellflower, Calif.	5,997.23
Fillmore, Calif.	743.82
Gardena, Calif.	876.52
Glendale, Calif.	910.25
Glendora, Calif.	58.50
Grand Terrace, Calif.	962.22
Inglewood, Calif.	3,512.44
La Habra, Calif.	1,815.07
La Puente, Calif.	39.72
La Verne, Calif.	1,127.95
Lakewood, Calif.	370.95
Long Beach, Calif. (Community)	2,102.11
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	19,649.83
Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	4,302.23
Long Beach, Calif. (North Long Beach)	26,984.12
Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	1,538.64
Montclair, Calif.	543.15
Norwalk, Calif.	5,032.03
Phoenix, Ariz.	2,041.56
Rialto, Calif.	708.37
Rowland Heights, Calif. (Hillside)	33.72
San Bernardino, Calif.	1,719.77
San Diego, Calif.	677.40
Santa Barbara, Calif.	65.50
Seal Beach, Calif.	4,977.08
Simi, Calif.	249.33
South Gate, Calif.	19,017.61
South Pasadena, Calif.	517.47
Temple City, Calif.	339.91
Tucson, Ariz.	360.50
West Covina, Calif.	525.00
Westminster, Calif.	2,299.81
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	5,979.00
Whittier, Calif. (First)	10,082.32
Southern Calif.-Ariz. District, Misc.	414.79
	$131,652.59

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Brookville, Ohio.	$ 998.33
Camden, Ohio	427.08
Clayhole, Ky.	179.63
Clayton, Ohio	1,120.99
Covington, Ohio	90.95
Dayton, Ohio (Basore Road)	658.50
Dayton, Ohio (First)	12,599.39
Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)	104.88
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	8,260.09
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	480.60
Dryhill, Ky.	244.22
Englewood, Ohio	5,958.08
Kettering, Ohio	1,402.16
Sinking Spring, Ohio	67.00
Trotwood, Ohio	1,369.09
Troy, Ohio	462.47
Vandalia, Ohio	1,476.10
West Alexandria, Ohio	343.32
Southern Ohio District, Misc.	632.50
	$ 36,875.38

MISCELLANEOUS

Akron, Ohio (Hillwood Chapel)	$ 531.34
Brethren Missionary Herald Co.	300.00
Grace College and Seminary	75.00
Hawaii	858.15
National Miscellaneous	19,694.87
National SMM	1,405.08
National WMC	14,704.61
Puerto Rico	173.83
	$ 37,742.88

Total Gifts to F.M.S.—$527,949.99

HONOR ROLL:

Forty-seven Churches Exceed $3,000 in 1967 Brethren Foreign Missions Offering

1.	Long Beach, Calif. (North Long Beach)	$26,984.12
2.	Wooster, Ohio	20,052.89
3.	Long Beach, Calif. (First)	19,649.83
4.	South Gate, Calif.	19,017.61
5.	Dayton, Ohio (First)	12,599.39
6.	Whittier, Calif. (First)	10,082.32
7.	Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	9,297.75
8.	Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	8,260.09
9.	Osceola, Ind.	7,135.15
10.	Berne, Ind.	7,034.06
11.	Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	6,991.08
12.	Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	6,874.11
13.	Kittanning, Pa. (First)	6,714.11
14.	Johnstown, Pa. (First)	6,668.92
15.	Waterloo, Iowa	6,395.60
16.	Middlebranch, Ohio	6,392.00
17.	Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	6,373.92
18.	Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	6,079.42
19.	Bellflower, Calif.	5,997.23
20.	Whittier, Calif. (Community)	5,979.00
21.	Englewood, Ohio	5,958.08
22.	Winona Lake, Indiana	5,892.63
23.	Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	5,827.30
24.	Martinsburg, Pa.	5,658.68
25.	Akron, Ohio (First)	5,535.59
26.	Rittman, Ohio	5,454.23
27.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	5,179.66
28.	Waynesboro, Pa.	5,050.80
29.	Norwalk, Calif.	5,032.03
30.	Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	5,000.41
31.	Seal Beach, Calif.	4,977.08
32.	Lancaster, Pa.	4,657.86
33.	Ashland, Ohio (Southview)	4,545.14
34.	Uniontown, Pa.	4,403.49
35.	Washington, D. C. (First)	4,344.01
36.	Conemaugh, Pa.	4,303.00
37.	Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	4,302.23
38.	Sunnyside, Wash.	4,264.18
39.	Warsaw, Ind.	4,185.87
40.	Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	4,158.11
41.	Elkhart, Ind.	3,984.74
42.	Harrisburg, Pa.	3,758.67
43.	Duncanville, Pa. (Leamersville)	3,597.35
44.	Inglewood, Calif.	3,512.44
45.	Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	3,361.31
46.	Dallas Center, Iowa	3,259.35
47.	Winchester, Va.	3,242.47

DID YOU EXPECT ANYTHING MUCH LESS?

By Raymond Thompson

How ridiculous to think that God would be bound by the little we expected of Him. He is the God of the unexpected, yet we persist in binding Him with the shackles of our present circumstances. God's Word certainly is filled with the unexpected as, for example, the promise of Jesus: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things [food and clothing] shall be added unto you." Most people, even Christian people, have difficulty with that promise. Self-centered human experience has conditioned us to expect to receive only what we go after. The idea that if we become more concerned about God's interests than about our own, He will assure that we do not lack anything, seems too visionary for our hard-headed practical logic.

It is in the ordinary circumstances of plain people, with whom we can personally relate, that often the unexpected becomes most vividly outlined in the Word of God. For example, look at Paul's choice of the poverty-stricken Macedonians as an illustration to the people of Corinth of real Christian liberality. These people were hardly the human ideal of the wealthy philanthropist honored by our society! In the six verses of this brief account (II Cor. 8:1-6) there are at least five ideas which stand out in bold contrast to our expectations. To see them more clearly, permit me to summarize the story as a reporter biased by natural experience might write it. The words will be accurate, and the impressions conveyed will be realistic and totally unexpected, but the conclusions drawn are completely false, because the unexpected operation of God's grace is not seen:

1. The Macedonians were suffering terrible affliction.

2. They were in deep poverty.

3. Paul was limited in what he expected of them because of their desperate condition.

4. They were reduced to begging.

Therefore, the logic of our natural human experience demands the conclusion that these young Christians in a new mission church were disillusioned, frustrated, and bitter because of God's failure to supply their needs.

By devastating contrast, God blasts our expectancy and at the same time demonstrates the infinite sufficiency of His grace to meet our need. Further, He demonstrates how His work will not be dependent upon the wealth of those who are rich in the material possessions of this world, but upon the riches of His grace which is active in the hearts of His children. Properly summarized, notice the five amazing paradoxes of this short story:

1. Paul is about to illustrate the abundance of God's grace upon a people—*but* he chooses the poor Macedonians as an example.

2. They experienced a great trial of affliction—*but* in the trial there was an abundance of joy.

3. They were in deep poverty—*but* they abounded in the riches of liberality.

4. Paul had certain expectations of them as befitted their poor ability to give—*but* they "gave their own selves to the Lord."

5. They were beggars—*but* their begging was an urgent plea that they be permitted to share in the fellowship of giving.

Chapter 1967 of the acts of the saints of God has been completed, and we are still being reminded that our God is not limited by what men might expect to happen. The year of 1966 had been the greatest year thus far in the financial support of the work of Brethren Foreign Missions. Naturally, some might have reasoned: we can expect a drop from this half-million dollar high, for this is the way financial curves are constructed, and our month-by-month accounting indicates this probability. But God overruled the expected, and moving in His great love within the hearts of His people, the overwhelming response is now a matter of record —$528,000 was given in 1967.

We can only bow before Him in thanksgiving. Then, taking our direction from His operation in the past, let us first present ourselves to Him and claim the unexpected in behalf of our missionaries in 1968 to the glory of our blessed Lord who gave himself for us. ▼

Church News

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. There was an average attendance of 254 during a six-night "Boys and Girls Round-Up" evangelistic campaign held at the Grace Brethren Church with Ken and Marge Schmidt of Onaway, Mich., Feb. 6-11. Ninety-one boys and girls made decisions for Christ, 79 of which were for salvation. Many children and parents were in the church for the first time, and there was much interest and enthusiasm. Ralph J. Colburn, pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF. Rev. John Zielasko, foreign secretary of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society, was the speaker at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church on Sunday morning, Feb. 4. In the evening service Larry Wedertz, superintendent of the Brethren Navajo Mission, spoke about the work being done at Counselor, N. Mex. J. Paul Miller, pastor.

STOYSTOWN, PA. Arthur F. Collins has accepted a call to be pastor of the Reading Brethren Church and began his ministry there on Jan. 21. Rev. Collins formerly was pastor of this church from 1956 to 1958.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. "Youth Week" was observed at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Jan. 28-Feb. 4, and included the following highlights: On Sunday morning, Jan. 28, Rev. Larry Gegner, pastor of the Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church, was the guest speaker. On Friday evening a dress-up banquet was held at the church with Rev. David Hocking, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, as speaker. Family youth night was held at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, and the special week was closed on Sunday evening, Feb. 4, with the dynamic youth film "Hey There, Vonda." Robert Kern, pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Cosgrove are the proud parents of a daughter, Doni Marie, who was born on Jan. 20. Rev. Cosgrove is the assistant pastor of the Grace Brethren Church.

HARRISBURG, PA. Rev. Earle E. Peer writes that there were 30 additions to the membership of the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church during 1967. Chaplain (Capt.) Emlyn Jones was the guest speaker for the Sunday morning service at the church on Jan. 28; there were three decisions made for Christ. The Harrisburg Bible Conference was held Feb. 11-13 with Rev. Nathan Meyer serving as speaker. A Foreign Missionary Conference was held Feb. 25-28 with missionaries from Africa, France, and Argentina, and with Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Barnard representing the missionaries who are serving on the other foreign fields.



Rev. Charles E. Lawson

TROTWOOD, OHIO. Rev. Charles E. Lawson was ordained to the Christian ministry on Jan. 21. Participating area ministers included Rev. G. Forrest Jackson, Rev. William E. Howard, Rev. Jesse B. Deloe, Rev. Clair Brickel, Rev. Caleb Zimmerman, and Rev. Horace Mohler. Pastor Lawson was licensed to the Brethren ministry in 1961. He is a graduate of Grace College (B.A., 1959) after having attended Bryan College and the University of Tennessee, and he is a graduate of Grace Seminary (B.D., 1961). He has pastored churches in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

AKRON OHIO. The home of the Willard Cate family, members of the Fairlawn Brethren Church, was badly burned by fire recently. No one was injured, but most of their furnishings and personal things were a total loss. Vernon J. Harris, pastor.

NOTICE. The March 17 issue of *Power of Living*, published by Scripture Press, features Rev. Dean Walter, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Vicksburg, Pa. He is also the head of the Analytical Chemistry Branch of the Metallurgy Division of the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D. C. Brethren churches using this adult take-home paper may wish to call special attention to the article.

April Bible Reading Calendar

DATE	MORNING	EVENING
1	JUDGES 6, 7	LUKE 8:1-21
2	JUDGES 8, 9	LUKE 8:22-56
3	JUDGES 10, 11	LUKE 9:1-36
4	JUDGE 12,13,14	LUKE 9:37-62
5	JUDGE 15,16,17	LUKE 10:1-24
6	JUDGES 18,19	LUKE 10:25-42
7	JUDGES 20,21	LUKE 11:1-28
8	RUTH 1, 2, 3, 4	LUKE 11:29-54
9	I SAM. 1, 2, 3	LUKE 12:1-34
10	I SAM. 4, 5, 6	LUKE 12:35-59
11	I SAM. 7, 8, 9	LUKE 13:1-21
12	I SAM 10, 11, 12	LUKE 13:22-35
13	I SAM. 13, 14	LUKE 14:1-24
14	I SAM. 15, 16	LUKE 14:25-35
15	I SAM. 17, 18	LUKE 15:1-10
16	I SAM. 19,20,21	LUKE 15:11-32
17	I SAM. 22,23,24	LUKE 16:1-18
18	I SAM. 25, 26	LUKE 16:19-31
19	I SAM. 27,28,29	LUKE 17:1-19
20	I SAM. 30, 31	LUKE 17:20-37
21	II SAM. 1, 2, 3	LUKE 18:1-17
22	II SAM. 4, 5, 6	LUKE 18:18-43
23	II SAM. 7, 8, 9	LUKE 19:1-28
24	II SAM. 10,11,12	LUKE 19:29-48
25	II SAM. 13, 14	LUKE 20:1-26
26	II SAM. 15, 16	LUKE 20:27-47
27	II SAM. 17, 18	LUKE 21:1-19
28	II SAM. 19, 20	LUKE 21:20-38
29	II SAM. 21, 22	LUKE 22:1-30
30	II SAM 23, 24	LUKE 22:31-53

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Kittanning, Pa.	March 31-April 5	W. Wayne Baker	Dean Fetterhoff
Clayton, Ohio	April 21-28	William E. Howard	James Custer
Washington, D.C.	April 21-28	James G. Dixon, Jr.	Scott Weaver

By Rev. Clyde K. Landrum



The "traveling mike" picks up the message of a group leader of Delta Battery as Chaplain Paul O. Lindberg (left) listens.

the "traveling mike" visits GERMANY

"These men have lots of time on their hands." This is the way Chaplain (Capt.) Paul O. Lindberg, U. S. Army, describes the situation of the men to whom he ministers on the missile sites in Germany. Therefore, there are many good opportunities to counsel with the men individually and to speak to them in small groups.

Chaplain Lindberg includes the use of literature in programming his dealing with the men about the Lord. There are good opportunities to get them to read books and other Christian literature.



"I found the men friendly and willing to talk."



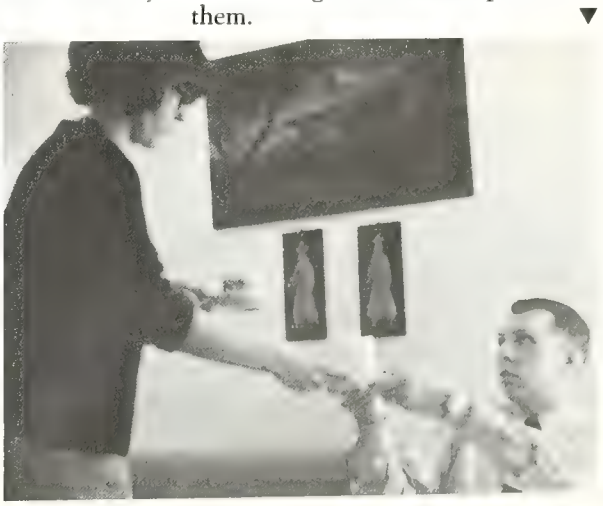
Sgt. Gonzales departs for the USA and a new assignment in his career in the U. S. Army.

"Chaplain Lindberg includes the use of literature..."

I found the men friendly and willing to talk. One soldier told of being on this assignment longer than anyone else in his outfit. While there had been times of loneliness, he had profited greatly by applying himself to learning new things and to making advancements in his work. He concerned himself with the immediate situation, rather than spending his time wishing his term would end. As a result he is making the U. S. Army his career.

Chaplain and Mrs. Lindberg are very happy in their assignment in Pirmasens, Germany, near the French border. Mrs. Lindberg has adapted well to moving with her husband. She says that *her* work is to be with her husband and to support him in *his* work. Jean, their seven-year-old daughter said that she misses friends whom she left behind but that she has found new ones. Chaplain Lindberg stated that he is happy in his work. He hastened to add that this could not be the case if his family were not behind him so solidly.

It was good to hear Chaplain Lindberg's commanding officer speak favorably of the work of his chaplain. He said, "We waited for over a year for Chaplain Lindberg to come to our outfit, and we are very happy with him and his work." It was a joy to visit with other chaplains with whom Chaplain Lindberg is associated and to see the good relationship between them. ▼



"Chaplain and Mrs. Lindberg are very happy in their assignment in Pirmasens, Germany . . ."

Discovering the Joy of Soul-Winning



Diane McDowell and Luana Ladd calling in the home of Phyllis Pearson. Outreach program was instrumental in Phyllis finding Christ. She has since been baptized and goes out with ladies on Tuesdays in the church outreach program.

By Mrs. Douglas Bray

The baby cried all night. By morning I was almost too exhausted to cook breakfast. Then my two-year-old spilled his egg on the dining room carpet. In the midst of my frustration I remembered it was visitation day. The last thing I felt like doing was talking to anyone about anything! "Maybe I'll just call the church office and tell them I can't go," I told myself. "I'm tired and have been so busy with church activities that I've scarcely had a day at home in weeks." But that afternoon when Mrs. Wilson trusted Christ to be her Saviour as I talked with her in her home, I knew it was worth the effort I had made to go out. And suddenly I wasn't tired after all.

This is a short excerpt from my own life, and I know many have had similar experiences. The devil does not want us to win souls. He will cause everything to happen when we get serious about soul-winning. As many know, we have had a surge of growth in our church here in Westminster, California, during the last year and a half. The main reason for this has been that a number of our members have become serious about winning people to Christ. They have promised the Lord they would not let a week go by without endeavoring to win someone to Him.

Why should we win souls? Because God has commanded it in Matthew 28 and other passages. Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." If we do not obey God, we are disobedient Christians. Often people come to my husband and ask him to pray for them, so that they will have a burden for lost men. He tells them he will pray that they will become obedient to Christ's commission, and then they *will* get a burden for lost souls. If we really believe there is a hell and those who do not accept Christ will go there, can we not help but have a concern for those around us who do not believe in Christ?

How should we win souls? Acts 1:8 tells us, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses of me." We should ask God to fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit, and then go believing. He wants us to win people more than *we* do.

We should have a definite plan to lead a person to Christ. This does not mean we cannot give our own testimony, too, but it is very helpful to know a definite plan of salvation in Scripture references to show a person how to become a Christian. In our church we give a soul-winning course periodically during the 5:45 to 6:45 hour on Sunday evenings. We have asked all our church officers and Sunday-school teachers to take this course. We also encourage new Christians to take it. As a new Christian in high school I wanted so much to lead my friends to Him. I did not know where to turn in my Bible, so I was caught up in their arguments rather than showing them the plan of salvation. We teach what is called the *Roman Road,* published by Dr. Jack Hyles, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana. We have found this plan to be very effective. The important thing is to have a plan and use it.

Set a definite time to go soul-winning every week. We should be soul conscious at all times and witness wherever we go. I have found that soul-winning is like giving our tithe—if we wait until all our bills are paid to give the Lord His portion, the Lord is left out. So it is with soul-winning. I feel that the church visitation program is an excellent means of effective witnessing. It is at a definite time each week. We have a baby-sitter, so there is no child-care problem. We have names and addresses of people to call on who have shown some interest in our church. We also have a specific plan of visitation. First of all, we use what we call "aggressive" rather than "passive" evangelism. We go into each home with the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the sole purpose of telling that family about Christ. We do not make "church calls," as such, *just* to tell people that it was nice to have them in our service, or *just* to invite them to our service, and then *if* the opportunity should arise, to tell them of Christ. We make a specific effort to get the gospel into every home we visit, for this may be our only opportunity. Also, we have found if they're not won to Christ, they rarely come back to our church consistently anyway. If they find Christ, they're much more likely to become regular church attenders.

Another thing we do is seek to send a "trained" soul winner with an "untrained" one. We have "on the job training" so to speak. One who has taken the soul-winning course and is experienced in visitation takes another who is a new Christian or who has not been soul-winning before. These two work as a team for several weeks until the "newer" soul winner feels he can do the talking. He does all of the talking the last few visits. When he feels he is ready, the team splits, and each takes a new person. This works very well, because no one feels they will be put on the spot without being prepared.

Does it work? I can testify that after one year of weekly soul-winning it has changed my life. I have a new vision for lost men and a new love for the Lord. I still find it hard to get out of the house on visitation day, and I still get humanly frightened, especially on the first call. However, as I have seen those I have visited come down our aisle, be baptized, and grow in Him, I cannot help but thank the Lord that I have had a part in this. As decisions are made weekly, our church is kept alive with enthusiasm from these new Christians. It is thrilling to see them in turn win their friends to Him.

Any Christian can experience this joy. Many are talking about it, but so few are doing it. It is a matter of our willingness to be obedient. Are you? ▼



A few of the ladies in outreach program. Left to right: Phyllis Pearson, Diane McDowell, Joyce Clifford, Luana Ladd, and Jan LaRue.

WMC News & Views

Nor-Cal

Come with us to California to visit the Nor-Cal District WMC. Here we have six churches with active WMC groups. They are Grass Valley, Greenwood (Modesto), La Loma (Modesto), Sacramento, San Jose, and Tracy. We are quite scattered and far apart. In some instances, ladies must leave by six o'clock in the morning in order to arrive at a rally on time. Therefore we have only two rallies a year, one in the fall and the other in the spring.



Our record attendance of 74 was set last spring when we met at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church in Modesto. At this spring rally we were privileged to have Mrs. Richard Anderson, an evangelical missionary to the Congo, as our guest speaker. Mrs. Anderson and her family were among the Congo missionaries who lived and helped on our mission field in Africa when they were unable to work on their own. It was a real blessing to hear her tell of the wonderful fellowship they had with our missionaries there and of how God brought them out of the Congo safely.

District officers, (photo taken at our fall rally) are, from left to right, Janet Coykendall, treasurer; Alberta Hansen, guest speaker; Margaret Zook, secretary; Dolores Oliver, Nor-Cal news editor; Myra Martin, second vice-president (programs); Mickey Crapuchettes, first vice-president (projects); Bette Pekarek, president; and Gladys Taylor, prayer chairman.



Workday for the Sacramento WMC. Seen here, making wordless book beanies, are, left to right, standing, Mildred Davis, Lola Trickler; seated, Margaret Zook, Roberta Collins and June Ehrhardt.

This past October 14 found us at the San Jose church for our fall rally with only 45 in attendance this time. But each who could come received a real blessing as we considered our theme for the year, "Nearer, Still Nearer." Workshops were held for the various officers and ladies of the WMC.

We continued our fellowship together at noon, when for the first time we tried "going out to eat" at a Swedish smorgasbord restaurant. It was very nice and we may do it again. In the afternoon we were challenged in a new way to work for missions by Miss Alberta Hansen, Christian education director for the First Brethren Church of Long Beach and also president of her district WMC.

Our district projects for this year are to supply our missionaries in Brazil with the organ they need and to help out with the expenses of the youth work at the Chateau in France. With the Lord's help we plan to meet our goal.

WMC sisters, pray for us so that our district WMC and local groups might grow "Nearer, Still Nearer" in "wisdom and stature [numbers], and in favor with God and man." ▼

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Africa—

Margaret Ann McDairmant May 11, 1965
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Daniel Keith Hocking May 21, 1958
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Patrice Robbins May 22, 1956
Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic

Camille Sue Cone May 26, 1955
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

Rev. Gordon L. Austin May 5
O'Higgins 3168, Buenos Aires 29, Argentina, S. A.

Rev. Robert J. Cover May 19
Marcelo Alvear 703, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Brazil—

Mrs. Earle C. Hodgdon May 13
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Nathan Allan Johnson May 14, 1959
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Marilyn Joy Johnson May 17, 1957
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Mexico—

Mrs. James P. Dowdy May 4
5864 Teal Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924

Lorita Marguerita Guerena May 9, 1958
Apartado 21-956, Coyoacan 21, Mexico, D.F.

In the United States—

Miss Grace Byron May 7
105 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Benjamin Paul Fay May 22, 1961
c/o T. R. Hurlbut, 110 Fremont Square, Montebello, California 90640

Mrs. James B. Marshall May 25
R.R. 2, New Vienna, Ohio 45159

Rev. James B. Marshall May 28
R.R. 2, New Vienna, Ohio 45159

Allegheny

"Let us draw near" was literally fulfilled by the WMC ladies of the Allegheny District at the fall rally held October 5 at Jenners, Pennsylvania. The attendance was 110, with Aleppo winning the attendance plaque with 113%. There were four councils with attendance over 100%. We had three "first time" Bible readers. An interesting feature was the motion which prevailed to have a DOLO offering (District Officers' Love Offering) of $1 per member to be divided between the district WMC president, district SMM patroness, and district SMM president for expenses at national conference.

The project offering goal was $450 to be used for three district churches: Mill Run, Weirton, and Pittsburgh. A special offering song was sung by the ladies as they marched to the front of the church and placed their offering in containers in the project display. This was done with enthusiasm. The offering amounted to $450.03. Mrs. Gerald Derham spoke in behalf of the work at Mill Run; Rev. Robert Burns spoke for Weirton; and Mrs. C. Dean Risser spoke for the Pittsburgh endeavor. A special love offering was taken for the Rissers which amounted to $100.02.

"Nearer, Still Nearer" prevailed as the afternoon program was presented. The highlight was the WMC-SMM spot. It began with a slide-tape presentation of SMM work, followed by recognition of the SMM girls in the district who made the national honor roll. Those honored were Pamela Edenfield, Allegheny SMM Girl of the Year, for memorizing Psalm 119; Judy Firl, Linda Glessner, Brenda Weigle, and Mrs. Harold Lowry for reading the Bible through; Linda Sue Rosner, Pamela Edenfield, Judy Burns, Carol Burns, Charles Kelley, and Larry Lee for being the quiz team to go to national conference; Lenny Smith for his participation at national conference in the preacher boy contest and in instrumental music; and Debbie Shockleford for her piano solo in the contest.

Recognition was given to the mothers of these young people by the district patroness and her assistant. This was done by calling the mother to the platform, commending her for her influence on her son or daughter, recognizing the achievement of the son or daughter, and then making the presentation of a corsage. The corsage was a stuffed, red chintz heart (SMM theme emblem) edged with lace.

The ultimate blessing of the day was the dynamic challenge by our president, Mrs. William Firl, on the theme "Nearer, Still Nearer"—*In Communion*. She presented our responsibilities as WMC women and then gave us the statistical report for the year. Our potentials were enumerated, and with burdened hearts for our shortcomings, we joined her in the closing meditation and rededication of life in Christ and new purpose in WMC.

Having been drawn nearer to the blessed Christ of Calvary, we departed to our respective churches, challenged to draw nearer daily in communion with our Lord. ▼

Pen Pointer Corner

Are you using your Pen Pointers? Why not share how your council uses them by writing a note to the WMC editor?

Here is a good suggestion which one council tried. Have an "open book test." When a Pen Pointer is given out, include a few questions that can be answered by studying that particular Pen Pointer. The questions can be answered during the meeting, or they can be studied and answered at the following meeting. Be *sure* to have the test questions checked and corrected, and also a time of discussion.—*Mrs. Leo Polman*

Please Note Change ...

The new address of Mrs. Kenneth Rucker, national WMC editor, is 100 4th Street, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. Please change your records.

To WMC Program Chairmen...

Your program materials mention that you are to take your current missions challenges from *Foreign Mission Echoes, Scope,* and the Home Missions *Communicator*. This is just a reminder that *Scope* is no longer published—a change which has occurred since the publication of the program materials.

Christ to Me

Christ is the power within my life,
My protector in times of strife.
He's my master, my love, and my light.
My glorious reward when ere I do right.

He's all forgiving, this Christ I know,
The healer of heartaches when I'm dealt a hard blow.
To Him are prayers of confession made for my sin,
And He's my guardian when I near Satan's den.

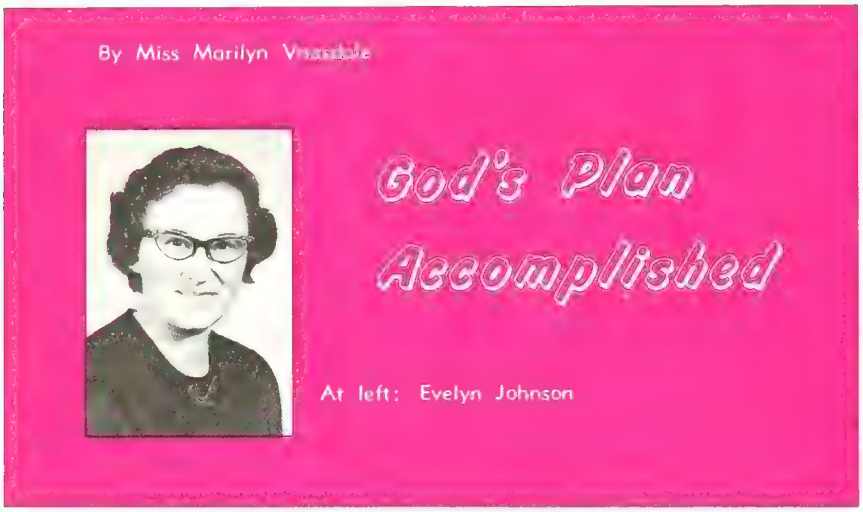
He's the beauty I behold each and every day,
And also my teacher as I proceed on my way.
He's the almighty God, bound up in Three,
And the giver of truth for all to see.

The one solid foundation upon which to cling,
Our Christ about whom I love to sing.
Oh yes, He's yours, as well as mine,
Our Saviour, this Christ I'm trying to define.

Step up on this vista and walk with Him,
Have faith in His word, fill your heart to the brim.
As the lillies in the field, bask in the sun,
Trust in our Lord, till He says "well done."

By Mrs. Shirley Wheeler

Once upon a time a young sixth-grader heard a missionary tell of his life on the mission field in India. This caused a desire to grow in the girl's heart to become a missionary herself. Maybe because just then she was studying about Latin America in school, the mission field she chose was Brazil.



Could this happening be called something really unusual? Maybe not—except for the fact that this young lass had never accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour. Yes, it's true; even before she was a Christian, Evelyn Johnson wanted to be a missionary.

Evelyn was born in Shelby, Ohio, the first in a family of five children. When she was seven, the family moved to Mansfield, Ohio. She had attended first grade at Shelby; the next eleven years of her education were gained at Mansfield.

The time came when Evelyn did accept the Lord as her personal Saviour. It happened in July before her fifteenth birthday (in August). Camp was a highlight of her summer days, for she thoroughly enjoyed camp life. In fact, she met her husband-to-be while working in the kitchen at Camp Buckeye.

Their marriage, however, was not to take place for a few years, for God had His own plan for the two young people. After going together for some time, the couple stopped dating, and soon George was studying at Bob Jones University. Evelyn graduated from high school with the thought of entering nurse's training at Mansfield. But this was not in God's plan, and after a series of events the family moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, in time for Evelyn to enroll at Grace College at Winona Lake. After her first year of college she spent the summer at Taos, New Mexico, along with some other Brethren young people, working with Sam Horney and his family.

Evelyn's interest in nursing did not diminish, however, and the following fall she enrolled in the Lutheran Hospital of Nursing at Fort Wayne—still determined to go to Brazil.

God's perfect plan was progressing, for Evelyn once again met her husband-to-be (this time at Winona Lake), and the old romance was renewed. George graduated from Bob Jones University and then entered Grace Seminary. For what was he preparing? Missionary service in Brazil! Yes! God gave both young people the same desire, and then He gave them each other.

After George's first year of seminary, he and Evelyn were married. Two and one-half months later, Evelyn finished her nurse's training, and they returned to Winona Lake, where they lived until George finished his seminary training. By the time of George's graduation, the family numbered four. They moved to Peru, Indiana, where George pastored the Peru Brethren Church for two and one-half years.

Then came their appointment to missionary service; and in February, 1960, they arrived in Brazil. Now completing their second term of service, they will be returning to the States this coming June for a year's furlough. There are three Johnson children: James Kevin, 11; Marilyn Joy, 10; and Nathan Allan, 8.

One of the most difficult things about being on the mission field, according to the Johnsons, is being so far away from home when a death occurs. Both George and Evelyn have lost loved ones during their time in Brazil. However, there have been many joys, and they have truly enjoyed their work in Brazil. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and for the working of His perfect plan. ▼

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Essays from the Elite

She Finally Came to Church

By Joy Mayes

This story was written by Joy Mayes, of Sunnyside, Washingon, after having memorized the entire Book of James as an SMM personal goal. Joy was the only SMM girl from the Northwest District to be on the national SMM honor roll this past year.

"My Dear Melissa,

I have not only neglected to love you, but I have neglected to bring you to Christ. Please talk to the pastor and go to the church I used to go to, and . . ."

There it ended. It was written in a shaky hand, each stroke painfully made. It was the last letter her mother had written to her. She had not had a chance to finish it, though Melissa didn't need to have it finished. She knew what it would have been: a "pep talk" on Christianity.

Well, Melissa didn't need religion. She was a lot better than some of those religious fanatics who thought they were so good. All the same, she would go once—and only once—to the small church on Fourth Street. She dreaded it, but, after all, she owed it to her mother.

As Melissa walked into Sunday school, a hush fell over the room. Then someone remarked in an exaggerated whisper, "Well! If it isn't Melissa Clark! She finally came to church, I see."

One by one the other girls added their cutting, sarcastic remarks. Melissa burned with anger, inwardly cursing the girls who were being so rude.

Then, as quickly and as quietly as she had come, she left.

Outside, she saw one of her friends from school. He had taken her out several times, and now he stopped to pick her up. Her mother had not liked him—she thought him to be irresponsible. But Melissa went with him anyway. After all, she had done what her mother had asked her to do.

He was drunk. Dead drunk. It scared her in a way. But she tried not to let it bother her. At least he had been interested in her.

They had scarcely gone three blocks when he ran a red light. There was a crash, and Melissa became a target for flying glass. She was thrown forward, gashing her head on the dashboard. Then she was knocked unconscious—forever.

Within minutes an ambulance was on the scene, but it was of no good to Melissa. She was gone . . . to a Christless eternity.

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James 4:11 says, "Speak not evil one of another, brethren." The girls in the Sunday-school class learned the hard way that the tongue "is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (James 3:8).

Yes, we all gossip and "speak evil one of another." But the Bible says that gossiping is a sin. Maybe your gossip won't keep someone from hearing about Jesus, as it did in this story, but it is a sin just the same. And who knows; maybe a kind word, instead of a cutting remark, will make a lasting friend for you, or lead a lost soul to Christ. ▼

Devotions in the Morning

By Mary Knepper

Mary Knepper is the only SMM girl from the North Atlantic District to have her name on the national SMM honor roll this past year. Mary received this honor by having completed the SMM personal goal of reading the entire Bible through in one year.



Mary Knepper

The best time I find for having my devotions is in the morning when I get up, go to bed.

When I read God's Word and in the evening when I in the morning, it helps me all day long in whatever I am doing. I found this to be very true in school. I was a better testimony and a better student if I started the day by reading God's Word.

Then in the evening I could look over my day's work and thank the Lord for His many blessings that He gave me that day. By reading a portion of God's Word in the evening, I could forget about my problems and have a good sleep. In the morning I was refreshed and ready for a full day of work at school.

I found that if I tried to do things without the Lord's help, things just didn't work out. But if I left my problems in His hands and asked Him for guidance, I knew the Lord would help me.

I am thankful that God sent His only Son to this earth to die for my sins. I am also thankful for the Bible. If we read God's Word faithfully, we find the answers to many of our everyday problems. If we SMM girls are to be real testimonies, we must read God's holy Word and apply it to our lives. ▼

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The Joys of a Small Church



By Mrs. Gerald Teeter

Every child has his childhood dreams. Some materialize while others do not.

There was a girl who had a childhood dream that someday she would be a pastor's wife, perhaps in a large church. Having been reared in a large church, this would naturally be her dream. At the age of seventeen she dedicated her life to the Lord, still hoping that she could be a pastor's wife.

Then one June her dream came true, and she married the pastor of a *small* church. This was quite an adjustment for her to make because she was used to a much bigger church with two buildings. Now here she was in a church with all its Sunday-school classes in one room, with partitions at the back to make a couple of classrooms, and curtains at the front to make another. This was all new to this new bride, and how "lost" she felt in such a small church! However, before too long the adjustment was made, and with it came the realization that a smaller church has its peculiar blessings to those who would faithfully serve.

As the world (including many born-again Christians) looks upon a small church, they seem to feel that not much can be accomplished for the Lord; but as this pastor's wife has experienced, there is a tremendous work to be done for Him. With this work comes many blessings from the Lord.

Through the years the Lord has allowed her to serve Him in several small churches, and the joys have been many.

One of the happiest joys is the enthusiasm found especially in the newer church. It is a thrill to watch and work with people who are enthusiastically serving the Lord, those who are really showing enthusiasm as they endeavor to reach new people for the Lord and for the church. It is also thrilling to watch them depend upon the Lord to supply the financial need of the church and to hear the shouts of praise as the Lord supplies. Every church, large or small, needs enthusiasm.

Another joy is working with new Christians. These are the ones who want to do something for the Lord and are so willing to serve Him in any way they can. Once it was her privilege to serve where just about everyone had been saved within the few years that the church had been established. This kind of love and dedication to the Lord is wonderful.

The "one big family" atmosphere is an additional blessing. Members and friends are not just names on a roll but individuals to be loved. This gives an opportunity to share in the intimate experiences of their lives, whether they be happy or sad.

With this family atmosphere comes the joy of sharing together the burden for lost souls, with everyone praying for that soul until he is saved. Once it took six months of prayer for an unsaved young man, who had grown up with the men in the church, before he was saved. But *everyone* had prayed individually and together, and together they rejoiced when the Lord answered prayer.

In the small church there is the joy of feeling a responsibility to the Lord's work and feeling "needed" to help the work grow. Attendance as well as service is needed. A lady once said, "When our church was small, I felt a responsibility to be in every service; but now that it has grown, I can stay away and it doesn't bother me to miss the church services." Should we pray that our churches stay small?

Inasmuch as the small church is limited in personnel, a willing person can be challenged to undertake responsibilities which he might shun away from otherwise, or be left out of, because of the availability of more capable people. Opportunities of service are multiplied, for everyone has to "pitch in and work."

By searching the Scriptures, one can readily find that God's mighty work is not limited to large numbers, but in many cases the greatest demonstration of His power was among only a few. In the case of Gideon, God discouraged a vast multitude and was willing to work with a smaller group instead.

Therefore to many of you, my readers, who are serving in smaller churches, rest assured that God is no respector of size, and He will use your group to demonstrate His mighty presence and power. ▼

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My Teacher

I knew we would enjoy the class. But none of us realized the fullness of the rich experience that was to be ours in having Alva J. McClain as our professor. He had stature and poise. He was so thorough in his presentations. We liked and admired him. His gracious and attractive manner drew his students to him. He had the ability to communicate to youth. He was athletic. I still remember how impressed we were as we watched him officiate at the fall football game. This reminded us of his earlier years about which we had heard. He had played first base on the baseball team, and he was an excellent field-goal kicker. He was a young man's man! And there he was, calling the plays up and down the field, alertly keeping up with the youthful players. He identified with us!

But most of all he was a teacher—our teacher—my teacher; my teacher in my youth. He had a message, and he had a unique way of imparting it. His brilliance inspired us. Though short of stature, we recognized in him a mental and spiritual giant. He was one of the "greats" on a great faculty. He imparted the desire to learn.

Over the years he became the teacher of many more. He moved to another school. Though he at times paid a price for his stand, he was recognized as an outstanding theologian. He was sending out students well-prepared to take their places of leadership in the pastorate, in missionary service, and in teaching. But ever and always he was the student's ideal—a real teacher.

The years passed, and he became my teacher again. Even though he was at that time older in years, and more appropriately known as *Dr.* McClain, he still identified with his students. The alertness of youth was still there. God had prepared him to be the great teacher that he was; He was still using him to stir and challenge students to active service for the Lord.

I saw him recently. Now he is a retired teacher. Or is there such a person? If one has been such a success as a teacher, will not his teaching continue to live and work in his students? In retirement he is almost a patriarch. No longer can he kick the field goal, or make the close play at first base, or even actively teach in the classroom. But he is still alert mentally. And he still identifies with his students. As we talked and reminisced, he reminded me that I was one of the students in the early phase of his teaching ministry. He told me of the work of some of his other students, and of how he had received letters from some. He loves and admires all, rejoicing in the successful service of *his* students.

He is still my teacher. In my mind I can still hear him, in his quiet way, making so plain the deep truths of God's Word. And I am still learning from his writings and his example how to better study that Word and to serve the Lord of The Book. And in my mind I can still see him moving about, making the calls in that football game. I am convinced that he can never really retire. He will always be my teacher. ▼



"We watched him officiate at the football game."

Calm, Continuing Kentucky

By Lester Pifer



Have you ever walked up to a little white church building nestled alongside a giant mountain, miles back in the heart of the Appalachians? Have you ever been greeted by six young teens, Bibles in arms, anxiously waiting for Sunday school to begin? Have you ever stepped into a mountain mission, conscious of the staring eyes scanning your person from head to foot, and wondered from where the many people came? In utter amazement one sits and listens to wonderful songs, quoting of scripture, simple prayer and testimony.

Such is the experience of a visitor at one of the Brethren missions in the heart of the great State of Kentucky. Areas that were once remote are now reached by beautiful new divided highways, bordered by a huge new conservation dam at Buckhorn. Where cars once moved slowly on winding, twisting, dirt roads, now gleaming concrete roadbeds cut through mountains like a giant ribbon of blue and green. Funds made available through the Appalachian bill have literally opened wide these mission fields to new communities, housing subdivisions, and recreational areas.

Our Brethren mission work began in 1939 at Clayhole, Kentucky,

where believers led by Rev. Sewell Landrum spearheaded a new work. Friends and members from far and near banded together and built the church and parsonage. Visitation, Sunday-school contests, daily vacation Bible schools, youth work, camps, and revival meetings brought souls to Christ; and the testimony of the Brethren Bible ministry was established. Today, the Clayhole church, located just two miles from a beautiful modern parkway, is a self-supporting indigenous church. Pastor Landrum points to a stack of cards bearing the names of hundreds of people who have been saved. Many of the young couples have moved to the cities or to other states, but they still keep in touch with the home church at Clayhole. Out of this ministry have come young men into the ministry, into prominent places in the educational field, and into many other useful occupations. Through the years this church and its pastors have left their mark upon thousands of youngsters in the schoolrooms through a Bible-teaching ministry. In the minds of these dear people there is no question about the solidity of the "Bible message," the interest and purpose of this mission.

In 1950 the Kentucky mountain ministry was extended to another remote area 50 miles deeper into the mountains at Dryhill. Leaving Hyden one travels approximately 12 miles to reach the little one-room post office of Dryhill. Three miles further at Hell-for-Certain Creek the Brethren Chapel was built. Evelyn Fuqua and Elaine Polman, burdened by the great spiritual needs of these people, launched this work. Girls of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha rose to the need and furnished the missionary funds to build the chapel. Later, the ladies of the Women's Missionary Council furnished the offerings to build the modern parsonage and youth center. The Brethren Construction Crew did the actual construction. Laymen's groups, youth classes, and many other individuals supplied needed equipment, labor, and funds to aid in this ministry.

When God led Elaine Polman to other fields, Evelyn Fuqua continued to make a tremendous impact upon this community with her missionary endeavors. These long years of sacrifice will never be forgotten by these dear folk. Miss Fuqua became increasingly aware of the need for a pastor to be brought to the field to build this work into maturity. Today, Rev. Marvin Lowery and his wife Dixie are reaping the fruits of years of sowing the seed of the gospel.

"A blacktopped highway has now reached this mission. The government dam at Buckhorn backs up past the chapel."

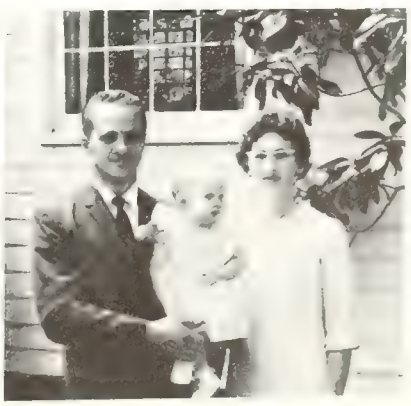
A blacktopped highway has now reached this mission. The government dam at Buckhorn backs up past the chapel. New homes are beginning to appear. The field is growing. There are still dirt roads, muddy roads, creeks to cross, and paths to follow in visitation. Transportation is needed to reach these people with the gospel ministry. More and more they are responding to the chapel in their community.

Can this church be self-supporting? "Yes," answers Pastor Lowery. "Every year these folks increase their giving. Gradually they will assume full financial responsibility for the pastor's salary, the maintenance of the buildings, and operational expenses. Continue to pray for us—God is blessing." Mrs. Begley, teacher of the young-people's class, said to me, "The other day our pastor brought a wonderful message at a funeral. One of the ladies came up to me and said, 'How did you get such a good preacher?'" Mrs. Begley answered, "The Lord sent him to us."

Our prayers, gifts, labors, and contributions have been used by God. Our missionaries have laborously, sacrificially, and willingly served as God's shepherds. The Holy Spirit has used the witness, the message, and the gracious love of Brethren people to build two fine testimonies for Christ. The transformations of lives, the dedication of talent, and the consecration of Christian homes will continue as long as our Lord tarries His coming. May our hearts yearn for more and more of God's work in these remote mountain areas of God's vineyard. ▼

The Landrums and the Lowerys





Tragedy in Kentucky . . .

Some Rain Fell on Dryhill . . .

By Marvin Lowery

"Into every life some rain must fall," someone has said; and this has been our experience at Dryhill, the rain symbolizing some difficult times.

One of the difficult times was this past summer when we experienced the tragedy of an accidental drowning near the station. Out of this tragedy we saw some 500 Kentucky men respond to the need for help in searching for the body. A great host of women supplied an immeasurable amount of food for the searchers, but only a small number of souls were saved through the incident. The greatest tragedy of 1967 was the hundreds of people who heard the precious Gospel of Christ in Kentucky and refused to accept this salvation.

With gratitude and joy we are able to report that the sunshine of God's love fell on many people and that not all experienced the "rain." At the summer Bible camp, operated by five missions here in Kentucky, we know of only one person who left the camp without making a decision for Christ either before or during camp. In the camp one ten-year-old boy stands out in my memory. He accepted Christ as his Saviour, and he was observed many times lying on a rock under which he could hide his Bible when not reading it. The transformation in his life is the talk of many who knew him. Even his school grades improved since his decision.

Some ten or more decisions were made in our Vacation Bible School. A school teacher, who rededicated her life to Christ, has been thrilled by the decisions in her Bible school class. Other decisions include a young man who stopped by while I was working in my garden one day to tell me that God had spoken to him. "He wanted me to be saved," he said. And beside his car he had bowed his head in prayer, accepting Christ as his Saviour. On another occasion during a pre-funeral service an invitation was given, and four people stepped out to accept Christ. One was a teen-ager who is now active in Sunday school.

We praise God for his goodness to us here at Dryhill. At the same time when the "rain" does fall, how thankful we are for such promises as, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," and "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother"! Pray for us, as the day is far spent and the night is coming when man's work will be done. ▼



Standing, left to right: Mrs. Cover and Mrs. Thompson. Seated: Mr. James Cover.

THE END OR . . . ?

by Robert W. Thompson

The McHenry Avenue Grace Brethren Church of Modesto, California, was meeting for the last time. In the quiet room the congregation, now numbering only three, sat quietly, listening to the representative of The Brethren Home Missions Council. As he finished speaking, the moderator solemnly took the legal-looking document and with solid determination pressed firmly the corporation seal over the signatures inscribed on the page. With this last official act the properties and assets of the McHenry Avenue Grace Brethren Church had been committed to others for disposition. A Brethren church was closed!

It would be unfair if the reader were not informed as to the events that led to this dramatic occasion. Almost from its inception, this small struggling church had been harassed by adversity and hardship. In spite of the several attempts to regroup and strengthen its forces, the congregation continued to dwindle in number until only a handful of members remained. With such a few to carry the responsibilities, the burden became too great; and to continue would have been to risk the Christian testimony and the name of the Brethren church itself. For those who would ask how or why these things happen, there can be only one answer: no one knows! However, we do know that decisions must be made on the basis of how things are and not on how things ought to be. Thus began the search for the best possible solution for the dilemma.

It was decided that since Brethren dollars had gone into the project, it was imperative that as much as possible be preserved for Brethren interest. But how does one go about the dissolution of a church? It must be remembered that a church is incorporated under the laws of the state and as such must adhere to the statutes involving any change in status. Furthermore, of great concern was the desire to bring honor to the name of the Lord, even in the closing of the church. What, then, should be their course of action? Should they turn to others for help? To whom should they turn?

There were any number of recommendations, but through a series of providential circumstances they were directed to The Brethren Home Missions Council for a possible answer to their problem. Of course they were acquainted with the primary emphasis of the home missions council, that of establishing new Brethren churches throughout America, but they were pleasantly surprised to learn that it could also help them in their current need. Here was an organization that was not only qualified to give them the counsel which they needed but was also, in itself, an avenue for the proper disposition of its assets. In what better way could they keep faith with all those fine people who had served with them at McHenry than to place its final assets in a corporation that would assure a continued testimony for years to come? It was comforting to know that even though their own church would no longer be a geographical reality, its basic message would reverberate throughout America in countless home-mission churches yet to be established. By placing their assets in the Brethren Home Missions program, they were assuring a continued flow of dividends into every single phase of activity within The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

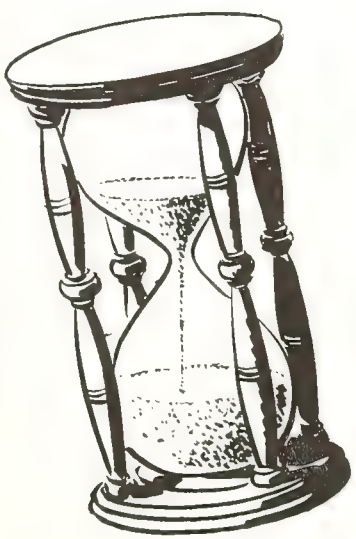
It was this knowledge that brought a note of optimism into the meeting of January 6, 1968. What might have been an event of sadness and defeat was actually an event of promising encouragement and hope. Mingled with the nostalgic reminiscence of yesterday

there was manifested a confidence in the promise that what they were doing was right. Certainly, all of us could hope that every Brethren church started in America would develop and flourish into a robust congregation, but history tells us that this is not the case. We can only conjecture what some of the reasons for these failures might be and try very hard to eliminate them in future programs. In the meantime we can draw some comfort in knowing that there are ways of turning what may appear to be a defeat into victory. Such is the case with the McHenry Avenue Grace Brethren Church.



The McHenry Avenue Grace Brethren Church

In the Gospel of John on one occasion our Lord referred to His death as a grain of wheat falling into the ground. He further likened His resurrection to the growth and development of this single grain into a great harvest. I like to think that there is a truth here that can be applied, in principle, to the closing of this Brethren church in Modesto, California. Certainly none of us would rejoice at the "death" of any church anymore than we might at the loss of a loved one or friend. It is true, though, that on some occasions such a "loss" brings benefits to others. Even on the battlefield we have circumstances where one soldier dies in order that others might live. We have been reading much of this sort of thing in the modern miracle of medicine, where one person in death provides extended life for others in the gift of various anatomical parts. For those dear Brethren in Modesto, who, of necessity, have been placed in a position of decision concerning the destiny of their church, it should be noted that it takes courage and faith to carry out such responsibilities. They should not look back with regret to "what might have been" but should now look forward with the assurance that they have provided a means of helping other churches to develop in America. The closing of the McHenry Avenue Grace Brethren Church should not be thought of as an end but rather as a "grain of wheat" that will assure an unlimited harvest of souls in the days to come. ▼



ISN'T IT TIME YOU THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR FUTURE...?

The future is a funny thing. It's past before you know it. In spite of its brevity their are many things a person can do with it. Take yours for instance. You can plan a future that's centered around yourself and your ambitions, or you can plan one that involves others. If you've planned a future that includes others, the Brethren Investment Foundation would like to be part of it. The B.I.F. needs your help. All around are Brethren causes which need financial aid. The foundation is anxious to assist, but without your participation it's limited in what it can do. Think about it. The Lord has given you your future. . . . Why not give part of it back to Him?

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This Is Isobel!

By Bruce L. Button

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Early in my ministry I learned that the Lord works His works in unusual ways and at unexpected times. Plans can be laid, decisions can be made, but in the final analysis it is the Lord who causes the situation to come to a proper conclusion. When Mrs. Button and I entered the work of Jewish evangelism and arrived on the field here in Los Angeles, California, we were very conscious of the tremendous and difficult job facing us. There were 900 city blocks of Jewish homes with 125,000 Jewish people to be reached with the gospel of salvation (since that time the population of our district has grown to over 300,000 people, and 99% of them are Jewish). It is one thing to contact the Gentile, for there is some rapport between him and the things of Christ, but with the Jewish person it is different. The Jew's relationship to the church has been anything but attractive, and the unsaved anti-Semite has not helped this relationship. Mrs. Button and I recognized that we had a difficult job facing us. We began to pray for two things. First we prayed that the Lord would begin to use us to reach this community. Next we prayed that He would lay the challenge of Jewish missions on the heart of another person and bring that one to this field.

Part of my work also consisted of contacting churches and presenting the need of this new Brethren missionary endeavor. It was for this reason that I found myself in the Ohio and Indiana churches in the summer of 1950 telling of the opportunities here in Fairfax. Wednesday evening, August 22, a presentation of this work was made before the Peru, Indiana, Brethren Church. The church was well-filled, but I was totally unprepared for what happened at the close of the service. . . . I was greeting people at the front of the church when a young lady came up and introduced herself. Her name: Isobel C. Fraser; her home church: First Brethren, Fort Wayne, Indiana; her qualifications: college graduate, experience in Jewish mission work, a deep love for the Jewish people, and the deep conviction that God had called her to a life of witnessing to Jews. God had now answered our second prayer as He had answered our first! That day we talked with Miss Fraser. We discussed our work and told her some experiences we had each had. Then we went our separate ways to await the Lord's will to be done in His own good time. The next year (April, 1951) Miss Fraser arrived on the field. She located near the mission and proceeded to enter into the work. Since that time she has been a faithful witness to the Jewish people of our district. She is known as Isobel, Elizabeth, Betty, and Miss Fraser. But regardless of what she is called, she does her work very well.

. . . the visitor!

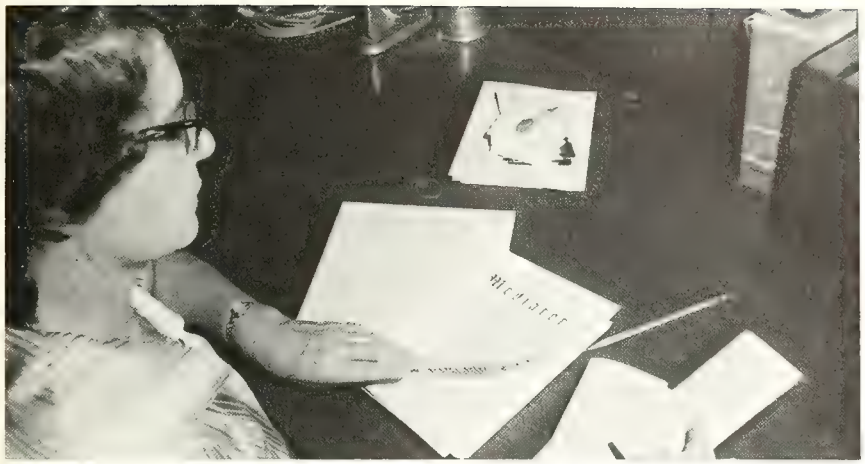




. . . a hostess!

Isobel drives one of the mission buses. And this is quite a job in city traffic and especially in Los Angeles traffic. But each time we have a meeting, she drives all over the southern end of our district, picking up people and bringing them in. Sometimes this is further complicated by the fact that many of these people are blind. (We have a Bible class for Jews who are blind each Monday evening.) This means that Isobel must call for the person, go to the door of the house, escort the person to the bus and see him safely seated, bring him to the mission, and see that he gets inside and finds a seat. Her concern for and devotion to these people is to be highly commended.

But Isobel has another ministry to these people which is far superior to this. It is the ministry of spiritual things. She is an ardent house-to-house caller; and when she is assigned an area which is to be reached with the gospel, you can be sure that there will be no homes passed by, nor will there be those who do not receive the gospel if they answer the door. She is also faithful in the matter of calling back at the homes when



. . . the helper!

a more convenient time is suggested. Many are the people she has ministered to in this way.

Still Isobel has another ministry here in Fairfax. It is the "trouble" ministry. Should any of our people get involved in a difficulty, often they will call Isobel and let her know of it. An attempt is always made to work out a solution for the problem.

Isobel teaches our Monday girls' group. Here, too, she does a fine job. Her messages illustrated with visual aids are clear and concise and present the message of salvation in an enticing way. Our Monday girls always give good attention, and from this group we have had many come into the Wednesday evening Bible class.

Also, Isobel has been given a special ministry by the Lord. This consists of a group of blind Jewish people called "The Pincus Club." Once a month she devotes a day to this organization. It is not a Christian organization. Rather it is an organization sponsored by a group of Jewish women. Here she has opportunity to witness of the Lord from time to time, and some people who attend this meeting also attend our Monday evening Bible class. They are present because of contacts with Isobel at The Pincus Club.

And so this is Isobel: visitor, canvasser, bus driver, "trouble" missionary, teacher, helper. She is being used by our blessed Lord in a mighty way. ▼

ATLANTA ADVANCE!

The Brethren Minute-Men are responding! The returns are coming in! The work in Atlanta is making forward advances. A Saturday night Bible class was started February 10. On Sunday, February 11, a fine young man in his twenties came tearfully to accept Christ as his Saviour.

We are indeed grateful for the "old faithful" Minute-Men, who respond to every call, but we would like to see many more new names added to this group of Brethren church pioneers who are helping Pastor William Byers at Atlanta, Georgia.

(This is the first of a series of articles concerning the Brethren Messianic Testimony mission personnel.)



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Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—MONDAY, APRIL 15

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord for the fine interest in and loyal backing of the Foreign Missionary Society by Brethren people, especially during the past year; pray that this may continue.

PRAY that God will direct in the lives of candidates recently approved for the fields. Pray that they may be enabled to get all matters cared for and be on their way as soon as possible.

PRAY that it may be possible to provide and maintain adequate motor vehicles on our mission fields, since this is a matter vital to all our works.

PRAY for the missionaries and national workers who are opening new areas for gospel witness on our various fields.

PRAY for the ministry of the Christian bookstores on our fields, for the establishment of additional ones, and for the workers serving in these endeavors.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the sale of property at Spokane, Washington; Portland, Oregon; and Barberton, Ohio.

PRAY that every boy and girl in the Navajo mission boarding school will make a decision for Christ before the last day of the school year.

PRAY for the men in the Brethren Architectural Service who have a heavy work load at this peak building season.

PRAY for our missionaries to the Jews and for their increased needs through the increase in the staff.

PRAY for the fiscal year that started April 1 and especially for payment in full of the deficit.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for His continual blessings upon our ministry, and also praise Him for the many people who come to know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour each month in our crusades.

PRAY for Evangelist James Custer as he conducts crusade meetings in Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights); Clayton, Ohio; and Grafton, W. Va.

PRAY for Evangelist Scott Weaver as he holds special evangelistic meetings in Washington, D. C. (Grace); Singer Hill, Pa.; and York, Pa.

PRAY for Bill Smith, director of evangelism, as he will be in several district conferences and will conduct a crusade meeting at the First Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAISE the Lord for the inclusion of the Christian Education Department in the budget of several new churches.

PRAY for the six-week training program to be held after Easter for Sunday-school workers for the fall enlargement program.

PRAY for the planning and preparation of the Christian Education Convention, which will be held August 11-12, and for the preparation of National Youth Conference which will be held August 11-18.

PRAY for the young people who will be serving in TIME (Training in Missionary Endeavor). Pray that God will supply every need.

PRAY that the Christian Education Department will have an effective ministry in helping each church as it develops a dynamic Christian education program.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY that the students will maintain a high degree of faithfulness as they return to their work following Easter vacation.

PRAY for the visiting district ministers as they speak in our chapel services from time to time.

PRAY that the Spring Day of Prayer may prove to be a time of great spiritual blessing (April 24).

PRAY that the Pastors' Conference in the Seminary will be a challenging experience (begins April 30).

PRAY for the seniors of both schools. Pray that they may finish their courses successfully.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for two new workers in our BMH literature ministry. They are Miss Marilyn Leedy and Mrs. Larry Smithwick.

PRAISE the Lord for a steady increase in the number of *Brethren Missionary Herald* subscriptions.

PRAY for the Lord's continued blessing upon the ministry of our Brethren adult quarterlies.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the leadership of our president, Ed Jackson.

PRAISE the Lord for the offerings received for the Board of Evangelism as a result of the Evangelism Sunday emphasis.

PRAY for the Lord's direction as the executive committee meets to make plans for national conference.

WMC

PRAISE the Lord for the way WMC groups are meeting their financial goals so far this year. Pray that our women will be equally enthusiastic about the spiritual goals.

PRAISE the Lord for the ministry of our district WMC publications. Pray for the WMC editors, district and national, and also for all other ladies serving in the preparation of WMC literature in various areas.

PRAY for the tract ministry and the opportunities our WMC ladies have to witness to others.

SMM

PRAY for God's direction for each district patroness as she seeks to lead her district SMM.

PRAY for continued wisdom in preparing SMM Junior-Little Sister handbooks.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

PRAY that the Lord will hold our Christian young people close to himself as they enter military service.

PRAY for Christian young men who feel led toward noncombatant service.

PRAY for the salvation of young men in the service, and for the chaplains as they minister to servicemen.

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Church News

WHITTIER, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Crawford celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house on Dec. 24, 1967. Both Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are charter members of the First Brethren Church, having joined the group while services were still held in a tent. Mr. Crawford helped build the church building in 1913, and their names are among those of the 43 charter members placed in the cornerstone. The Crawfords are the parents of six daughters and one son, 16 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Mabel Hamilton, librarian at Grace College and Seminary, is their eldest daughter.

WASHINGTON, PA. Mr. Ted Dencher held a one-day meeting at the Grace Brethren Church on Jan. 28. The meeting was of great help in learning how to reach Jehovah's Witnesses. Shimer E. Darr, pastor.

CAMDEN, OHIO. A recent missionary speaker at the First Brethren Church was Rev. Ernest C. Lubkemann who has worked in South America for over 15 years. He presented the work of the Pocket Testament League, with which he has been affiliated for eight years, and showed pictures of the work in South America. During the evening service a striking message was delivered on total commitment, and five people responded to the invitation. Rev. Lubkemann has a son, Chris, who is a student at Grace Seminary. Wendell England, pastor.

CHICO, CALIF. On May 3-4 the Nor-Cal District Conference will be hosted by the Grace Brethren Church of Chico. William L. Shelby, pastor.

NOTICE. The March, 1968, issue of *Venture,* Christian Service Brigade magazine, contains a two-page article on Dr. Austin Robbins, Brethren missionary to Africa. Be sure to read this interesting article.



Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Schwartz

TELFORD, PA. Members and friends of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church surprised Ralph Schwartz, who is a missionary on furlough from Brazil, with a gift of $75 and a birthday cake after the Sunday evening service, Dec. 11, 1967. Ralph had shown slides of his work in Brazil for the evening service. The cake was decorated with his favorite verse of Scripture, John 1:12, written in Portuguese. Approximately 115 people were present for the occasion. Evangelist Ross Rhoads held an eight-day evangelistic campaign at the church recently. There were 39 public decisions made. The pastor, Donald R. Goodhart, writes, "It is a real joy to listen to the testimonies of whole families that have been changed through these meetings."

CHANGES. Rev. Duane S. Jorgens, 4734 N.E. 18th, Portland, Oregon 97211.

YAKIMA, WASH. Pastor Henry Rempel reports that the Lord's hand was definitely upon the work of the Grace Brethren Church during 1967. Twenty-seven new members were added to the membership; total giving increased by 46%, giving to foreign missions increased by 72% over 1966, and giving to debt retirement increased by 196%. Plans are now under way to erect an educational wing which will be 33′ x 76′ in size. The pastor was called to serve for another year and was given a raise in salary. In four years the membership of the church has nearly doubled.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Since returning from his around-the-world trip in January, Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald, has spoken and shown slides of his trip in several area churches. Recent speaking engagements include Brethren churches at Warsaw, Berne, Leesburg, and Winona Lake, Ind., and also Wheaton, Ill.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. During a Stewardship Conference with Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman in January, there were seven rededications of life and one first-time decision for salvation at the Grace Brethren Church. On Jan. 28 seven people were baptized and received into the fellowship of the church. Lew Ingwaldson, pastor.

GRANDVIEW, WASH. On Feb. 20, Rev. George R. Christie, pastor of the First Brethren Church, fell 16 feet from the top of a ladder while washing windows at the church. He received a multiple fracture of the

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Kittanning, Pa.	March 31-April 5	Wayne Baker	Dean Fetterhoff
Alexandria, Va.	March 31-April 7	Richard E. Grant	Richard DeArmey
Washington, Pa.	April 2-14	Shimer E. Darr	Charles E. Gray
Albany, Oreg.	April 3-14	Adam H. Rager	Val Cloud
Conemaugh, Pa.	April 7-11	Kenneth Koontz	Charles Ashman, Jr.

left arm and was hospitalized for one week. Prayer is requested, for there is the possibility of only limited use of his arm unless the Lord intervenes.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. On Feb. 11, the Boys Brigade of the Grace Brethren Church was in charge of the evening service. The boys led in a song service, read passages of Scripture, and gave testimonies. The special speaker was Bruce Mason, a former naval officer, who serves with the Boys Brigade at the church as well as with several other local Brigade groups. Simon T. Toroian, pastor.

JENNERS, PA. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Engle, members of the Jenners Brethren Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 1. James F. Hoffmeyer, pastor.

MONTCLAIR, CALIF. There were nine people baptized at the Grace Brethren Church during January. On Jan. 29, the Biola King's Players presented the play, "Revolt at the Portals," to a full church. Allen H. Herr, pastor.



ROANOKE, VA. Two Brethren pastors in this city are to be commended for their interest in seeing that the people in their churches receive the *Missionary Herald*. Rev. Kenneth Teague, pastor of the Ghent Brethren Church, sent in a list of 71 new subscribers; and Rev. Henry Radford, pastor of the Garden City Grace Brethren Church, sent in 27 new subscriptions. Shown above are BMH employees mailing out copies of the Feb. 24 issue to these new subscribers (left to right): Greg Ryerson, Mrs. Charles Ashman, and Mrs. Lloyd Woolman. On March 1 the *Missionary Herald* total subscription list reached a new high of 10,227, for which we praise the Lord. (BMH staff photo—Herman)

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.



Dr. Miles H. Taber

TABER, Miles H., 63, went to be with the Lord on Feb. 17 after an extended illness. A Brethren minister for many years, Rev. Taber served as Editor and Business Manager of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* from 1945-1951. Prior to and following this period of time, he held pastorates at Leon, Iowa; Fillmore, Calif.; Ashland, Ohio; and Beaumont, Calif. He was elected twice to the post of moderator of the NFBC and was given an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree by Grace Seminary in 1960. Services were conducted on Feb. 20 at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Beaumont, Calif. Pastor Neil Beery brought the message, and other Brethren ministers who participated included Dr. Charles Mayes, Dr. Floyd Taber, Dr. Orville Jobson, Rev. Edwin Cashman, and Rev. Don Carter. Dr. Miles Taber is survived by his wife, one daughter and seven grandchildren.

REMPEL, Laura R., 67, wife of Rev. Henry Rempel, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Yakima, Wash., went to be with the Lord on Feb. 12. She was united in marriage to Henry Rempel in 1940 and was a faithful pastor's wife. She served as Sunday-school teacher, Deaconess, and WMC officer; and she read through her Bible annually for many years. Services were held in Yakima, Washington, and Canton, Ohio.

BROAD, Mrs. Katie, 92, a member of the First Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif., went to be with the Lord on Feb. 11. She was the widow of Rev. Thomas H. Broad who was pastor of the First Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif., from 1908 to 1914 and from 1916 to 1922. Mrs. Broad also served with her husband when he pastored the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles, Calif., the Brethren Mission at Montreal, Canada, and the First Brethren Church of Fillmore, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Elias D. White on Feb. 14.

SCHLEGEL, John, a member of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., died on Feb. 20. Lewis C. Hohenstein, pastor.

KRAMER, Harvey, a member of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa., went to be with the Lord on Feb. 1. Donald R. Goodhart, pastor.

NETHERY, Mrs. Amy, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., since 1948, died Jan. 23. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Charles W. Mayes, on Jan. 26.



Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President

Grace Theological Seminary and College

No Rift in the Clouds of Pessimism

Under the caption "Tomorrow" the February 5 issue of *U. S. News and World Report* opens a two-page discussion on conditions in the United States and the world with this statement: "It is amazing to watch how troubles keep piling up for the United States. People yearn for calm and a chance to be optimistic. All that people get is one uncomfortable jolt after another, none generating optimism. There is nothing in the trends to suggest early change."

After enumerating situation after situation at home and across the world that bodes ill, the writer sums up by saying, "It is little wonder that the public is in its present mood. People want to be optimistic, to have some relief from problems, but the chances for this any time soon appear to be not too bright."

On a background of things such as this, as set forth in the prophetic Scriptures, when there is "upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity . . . men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth," the people of God are given special encouragement. "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:25-26, 28).

There is hope. But that hope does not reside in men, nor does it come from the human and natural level. It comes from above. There cannot be the restoration of happy earthly and social order, marked by peace and prosperity and safety, until the Messiah returns.

Higher Education Is a Part of the Scene

"The Chronicle of Higher Education," a publication for the purpose of reporting the issues on the academic scene, follows the same pattern of turmoil, problems, and unrest.

An authority representing the Carnegie fund sounds out loud and clear that "higher education must accept the federal government as its main source of financial support . . . it [federal aid] could be 50 percent of all higher education budgets by 1975."

In an escalating financial economy, with costs soaring precipitously to astronomical heights, and colleges everywhere faltering, stumbling, and failing in the struggle to meet the financial demands, it is not hard to see what the future may hold.

Chaos within the business area of higher education is matched by chaos within the academic field. The American Association of University Professors are moving to strengthen the right of academic freedom for the individual teacher in all institutions of higher learning, including church-related institutions. This bodes ill for every institution seeking to hold the line of dedication to doctrinal and moral standards. There are very few of such institutions where the traditional stands have not already been largely eroded.

To add to the confusion on the academic scene, the Association of American Colleges, meeting recently in Minneapolis, endorsed in principle a "Joint Statement on the Rights and Freedoms of Students." Ten clarifications were added to tone it down. But in substance it goes into operation and guarantees students freedom of expression in the classroom, provides "procedural safeguards in disciplinary cases," and assures them a role "in the formulation and application of institutional policy affecting academic and student affairs."

Grace Students Need Your Financial Help

No person in the United States, except perhaps one who is living in total isolation from society, is without information concerning the most colossal annual budget in the history of the United States government. But even this budget has given some consideration to the yell that is rising from millions of throats against the rising tax burden. And of all places, the blow fell in the area of aid to students in higher education, among others. Twenty-one million dollars was cut from the budget as a total: nine million from the educational opportunity grants, six million from the work-study program, and six million from the National Defense Student Loan program.

All three of these will affect students at Grace College. When the allocation is made to institutions, Grace College will receive a share that is appreciably lower than in former years. This means one of two things, and perhaps both. The amount granted to students making application will be reduced, and fewer students will receive help.

This could be disastrous both to students and school. Though the help goes to the student primarily, through him it reaches the school and enables the school to continue its ministry. Since there are so many students in Grace College who must receive some sort of assistance to continue in school, it is now time to give careful attention to meeting this need.

Grace College and Grace Seminary do not create financial funds. It can dispense the funds that it receives from some outside source, but it is not in itself a profit-making institution. This means that God's people who count this school dear must make funds available to the school for helping students.

The best way would be the giving of thousands of dollars as a rotating loan fund for students. Funds that can be given to students are fine, except such funds are so quickly dissipated and nothing remains to help other students. Please pray for this matter and use your influence to help meet this need. ▼

MODERN ART AND CONTEMPORARY LIFE

BY MIRIAM UPHOUSE

Today a great deal is being said about *modern art.* This reference does not mean the traditional-type work of great artists like Andrew Wyeth (who is certainly contemporary) but the recent, nonobjective-type art that does not portray realism and is not easily and clearly understood. It is occasionally called abstract. This art is usually the personal expression of the artist himself and is engendered by his personal emotions and special feelings. It often causes comments such as, "A six-year-old could do better," or "This work has no rhyme or reason." The work is sometimes full of bright, seemingly unrelated colors, and natural forms are reduced to geometric images and distortions.

This type of art, however, is very popular today. It is being shown around the world and is winning prizes in art competition. In defense of modern art, it can be said that it is not without form or thought but that it is the very essence of the artist's personal thoughts, values, standards, and his philosophy of life.

Roots of Modern Art

Social movements and economic factors have had a direct and indirect relationship to the stylistic evolution of art. From the economic standpoint the decline of private patronage allowed the artist the freedom to paint what he wished and not to be bound by the cathedral, court, or guild. Also, scientific progress and invention enabled the artist to choose from a wide range of brilliant colors and varied media. The invention of the camera provided an inexpensive substitute for traditional and realistic art; illustration became interpretation, and image became symbol.

In general, social trends impose their fluctuating shades of meaning on the expressions of every age. The arts cannot escape; taste and fashion are shaped by social context. Man, without the limits of order, poise and serenity, and traditional forms, becomes fiercely individualistic and seeks a manner of expression that is personal and subjective.

In my opinion modern art reflects:

1. *The importance of the individual;* he is the ultimate authority, and he struggles against discipline and develops the inner tension and sense of strain that is alien to the classical spirit.

2. *The ability of the individual* to practice complete freedom and to express himself in any fashion, regardless of the effect. He is able to rebel against traditional forms and enthrone in their place the irrational and infinite.

3. *The desire of the individual* to abandon all that is traditional, to revolt against the old, and to substitute the new. In effect, the artist is desiring to find himself, and, in a sense, to be at peace with himself.

Mrs. Miriam Uphouse is Dean of Women and Instructor in Health and Art Education at Grace College.

Fruits of Modern Art

If a work of art communicates a philosophy, it is sure to *affect* as well as *reflect.* The reflections of modern art do carry over into society today and are responsible for some of the evidence we see of (1) rebellion against authority, (2) the hue and cry for freedom without responsibility, as we see on every hand today, and (3) the great surge of the relativistic theory and the accompanying philosophy of situational ethics. *Time* magazine puts it succinctly:

"PAVING THE WAY. The growing mass audience has been prepared for change and experiment both by life and art. It has seen—and accepted—the questioning of *moral traditions,* the *demythologizing of ideals,* the *pulverizing of esthetic principles* in abstract painting, atonal music and the experimental novel." ▼

(Editor's note: Warren Wiersbe, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Covington, Kentucky, was one of the speakers for the annual Grace Bible Conference, January 30 to February 2. He spoke to the combined college and seminary student bodies in the gym at 9:30 a.m. each day, and the following message is one of a series which he presented on various parables in the New Testament.)

LABOR T

By Warren Wiersbe

It would be interesting to see the reaction of a labor convention to the parable of the laborers and the vineyard in Matthew 20. I can see a delegate standing to his feet and shouting, "That's unfair! That man ran an open shop!" And somebody else would cry, "The wage scales aren't honest!" A third would complain, "Those workers had no bargaining power!"

Didn't Jesus understand economics? Doesn't He know that men want fair wages and honest agreements? Of course He knows! He knows the hearts of men—something that could never be said of a union arbitration board. He was a carpenter himself; He knew how men would haggle for wages and try to get as much extra as possible.

But this parable does not deal with economics; it deals with the human heart. Of course, our Lord is not talking about *salvation* in this story. No man can work for salvation, and if he could, he would not complain when he received it. We are saved by grace, through faith, and not by our own works.

Nor is our Lord talking about *rewards*. Certainly there will be rewards when we meet the Lord, but each man will receive *his own reward* (I Cor. 3:8). In this story, each man received the *same* amount.

If Jesus is not talking about salvation or rewards, then what *is* He talking about? To answer this question, we must go back to Matthew 19:16 to 30. It's a familiar story. The rich ruler comes running to Jesus, asking about eternal life, and Jesus commands him to sell his goods and follow Him. The man goes away sorrowful, because he is covetous. Then Jesus makes an amazing statement: "A rich man shall hardly (or, with difficulty) enter into the kingdom of heaven" (19:23). This statement shocks the disciples, because (like good Jews) they thought that God especially blessed the rich and not the poor. "If rich people can't be saved, what hope is there for poor people like us?" they exclaim. Then Peter speaks up as he watches the rich ruler disappear down the road, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall *we* have therefore?"

There it is! "What are *we* going to get?" It was this statement that led Jesus to give this parable. He saw in Peter's heart a wrong attitude toward his Christian calling and ministry. Of course, Jesus answered Peter's question by promising him and his associates future thrones and present blessings, but He also answered the sinful attitude of Peter's heart by telling a strange story in Matthew 20:1 to 16.

In this parable, then, our Lord is seeking to warn us against a selfish attitude in Christian living and Christian service. He is dealing with this "what-am-I-going-to-get" attitude that often lies hidden in the heart. Note in this parable at least three *warnings* for us to heed.

First, *beware of bargaining with God.* Did you notice that there were

two classes of laborers? The men hired at six o'clock in the morning insisted on a contract. The owner agreed with them for a penny a day (verses 2 and 13). But the men hired during the rest of the day were willing to work for "whatever is right" (verses 4 and 7). What a difference! And we have these same two classes of believers today: there are those who obey the Lord regardless of what the rewards might be, and there are others who insist on writing a contract first.

Our God is the God of the "much more." Five times in the fifth chapter of Romans Paul tells us that God has done "much more" for us in Jesus Christ. Don't write your own contract and bargain with God; yield to His will and let Him handle the blessing.

There is a second warning here: *beware of watching other Christians.* Can't you see those laborers standing in line to be paid? The owner insisted that the men hired first be paid last; he wanted them to see his generosity. Had he paid them first, they would never have known how much the other laborers received. Of course, when the men saw the one-hour workers receive a penny, they automatically supposed that they would receive more because they had worked longer. *But they received exactly what they bargained for!* And then they began to complain!

Whenever you find a complaining Christian, you can be fairly certain that he watches other believers and is envious of their blessings. This is the "evil eye" Jesus mentions in verse 15. In Psalm 73, the writer was envious of the wicked; but most Christians today are envious of *the righteous!* Sunday-school teachers envy the growth of other classes; pastors envy the growth of neighboring churches. "Why is God blessing *him?* I'm a better preacher than he is! I was at the head of my graduating class, yet I have the smallest church in the district." Keep your eyes on Christ and off other men.

There is a third warning: *beware of overconfidence.* "What are *we* going to get?" asked Peter; and Jesus might have replied, "How do you know you will get *anything?*" Peter thought he would be first, but Jesus warned him that he might be last! The six o'clock workers supposed presumptuously that they would get more. Overconfidence! Pride! How guilty we are of wondering how much we will get instead of asking how much we can give.

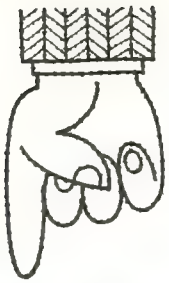
In the judgment, the last shall be first and the first last—not *all* of them, but *some.* Some Christians who are first in their own eyes will be last when they face Christ; some who are last in the eyes of men will be first in the eyes of God. Beware of overconfidence and "spiritual pride."

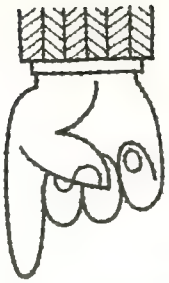
Is the important thing that we do the will of God? All of these workers did the master's will—but not all of them had the right attitude of heart. It's possible for Christians to do God's work but not to share the love of God's heart. Like the elder brother in Luke 15, we can toil faithfully and yet have a grasping, selfish attitude. Like Peter, we can be asking, "How much am I going to get?"

Peter won the victory over this secret sin. In Acts 3, when Peter saw the lame man, he said, "Such as I have *give* I thee!" It was not a matter of *getting,* but *giving.* Peter was no longer writing contracts with the Lord! He knew that his Lord would give him "much more" than he deserved or that he could ever ask or think!

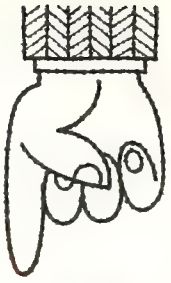
Have you come to that place in *your* life? ▼

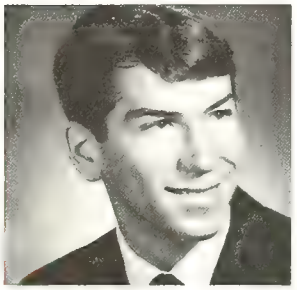






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Mark Pifer, Student

I have been Brethren all my life. Attending Grace College is sort of the culmination of my Christian family training. It is the instrument by which I know I am preparing adequately for the Lord's service.

There are three things which I am getting day by day at Grace College which I could get at no other college in the United States. These are:

1. Preparation for God's service.
2. Grade A Christian fellowship.
3. The best denominational training in the whole brotherhood.

I appreciate the strong spiritual atmosphere at Grace very much. Our education seems to mean a little more when we realize it is Christ-centered all the way. It also makes me more convinced each day that there is nothing in this world more worthwhile than serving Christ.

We have seen the growth of this institution and know of its products. We know there are plans for the future and great expectations for coming years. I even think of the day when there may be several Grace Colleges across our land; maybe three or four on each coast. But right now we have only one, and it needs our support. Schools of this type only grow as much as we let them. ▼



Dr. James Boyer, Professor

If there is any church which should be interested in Christian higher education, it is The Brethren Church.

My first impression of The Brethren Church centered in the idea that here is a church which stands for the Bible. It was this conception which brought me into this fellowship, and it is still my heartfelt conviction that The Brethren Church is a Bible church —the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible.

If there is a God, if that God has spoken, if that word is written down in a Book, then the most important responsibility in all the world for us is to know that Book.

Books are to be read, understood, *learned*. That is an educational process. Notice the important place *knowing* plays in the Bible. Salvation is "to know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." With regard to Christian living, Paul exhorts us to be "transformed by the renewing of your minds." Jesus himself emphasized this truth in His Great Commission, when He commands us to go and *teach* all nations, or better, make disciples of all nations, make learners of them, enroll them in His school. That is salvation. And Christian growth and nurture follow in His words, "Go ye therefore . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded."

I'm proud and glad to be a part of a school where the Bible is believed and taught, and to have a part in this, God's greatest work. ▼



Mrs. John Zielasko, Mother

I'm extremely happy because I am the mother of a Grace College student. I am happy that my son, John, can study at a "Christ-centered" school.

My husband and I attended a state college in Pennsylvania where even the math professor did his best to undermine the faith of the students. So it is very important as Christian parents to have our son study at a school where the professors love the Lord as we do.

I'm thrilled that my son goes to a school where even the dietitian, the cook, and the women who prepare and serve the food take time out each day to pray for the students and faculty.

We plan to send all of our children to Grace. My prayer is that when the time comes for Janet, our six-year-old, to enter college that this school will be as fundamental in its teachings—as true to God's Word—as it is today.

Friends, won't you join me in daily intercession at God's throne for this great school which God has given to us? ▼

By Art Frank
Senior, Grace College

UNNERVOUS CHRISTIANS

Christianity is said to have the answer to all of life's problems. But why are there so many nervous Christians? Christ said, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). The Christian has worries and fears the same as any other human being, but he has Someone who can help him with the psychological aspect as well as the physical.

The nervous Christian has not obtained his present position overnight. It has taken years of tension and worry. As a result, the patient has migraine headaches, tension in the neck, a nervous stomach, or other bodily symptoms that are real and that create severe discomfort. Relief is sought for the discomfort, but the psychological aspect is many times overlooked; and the problem will either recur, or it will affect some other part of the body.

Adam was the first man to have a phobia. "I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself" (Gen. 3:10). Up until this time Adam had been naked, and it was natural to him, but now he was attempting to cover something more than himself. He was trying to cover his sin, and, of course, God could see through to his heart and see the real problem. There is often sin in a person's life which he is trying to cover; and because he cannot successfully cover it, he becomes nervous, and the nervousness often interrupts his life.

A worldly Christian tries to make excuses to cover his nervousness and uses any number of methods as well as his "willpower" to overcome his symptoms. The real cause is the struggle between the old nature and the new nature. The new nature came into the Christian when he accepted Christ, but the old nature is still there, and strife continues until the old nature is brought under the subjection of the new.

Christians are to be "lights in the world." They are to tell others about the plan of salvation and the peace and joy it can bring, but if the unsaved do not see the fruits of Christianity, they will not want Christianity. From a state of progression the nervous Christian starts the trip of regression into himself. When he is nervous, he thinks of himself and what others must think of him in his awful condition. This makes him self-conscious and the big "I" is the only one of whom he can think. Eventually God is left out of his thinking. Doubts of God's goodness, mercy, salvation, and provision for His saints creep in and undermine his basic belief. Satan cleverly replaces God's blessings with his lust-fulfilling desires. This occurs not too strongly at first, because the Christian would notice, but very slowly.

L. Gilbert Little in his book *Nervous Christians* gives five rules the Christian can follow as a cure:

First: Go back to the cross of Calvary where you first saw the light.

Second: The "I" (self) must be crucified with Christ in order to get rid of the "old man"—self-will, self-trust, and self-sufficiency—which makes you rebel against God's plan for your life. "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Gal. 5:24).

Third: Meditate on what Christ did on Calvary for you. Study the Bible diligently until you grasp the complete picture of Calvary. If you do this, the love of God will dawn upon you.

Fourth: If you have been nervous and fearful for many years, the doubts, the guilty feelings, and the past sins will return to trouble you by sheer force of habit. Turn to I John 1:9. Study this verse carefully until you get the full impact. Read this verse in relation to its context.

Fifth: Meditate on God's Word daily, moment by moment, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of Satan who will attempt to bring you into bondage again.

If the nervous Christian can take his eyes off his own situation long enough to see what God is offering him, he will see that God is offering peace and provision for every situation of life. The neurotic Christian begins his suffering when he takes his eyes off of God and looks to something else. Things begin to bother him. Guilt enters into his life, because God is convicting him and trying to alter his direction for the Christian's own good. Problems that long before had been forgiven and forgotten appear again on the scene. As the guilt of these past experiences builds, the power of God and his redemption is repressed until the person sees only his past condition.

God had an answer to this situation before the perplexed person was even born. The answer does not consist of worldly pleasures or worldly amusements. God gave the promise that he would send a "Comforter." He accomplished this by sending the Holy Spirit not only to comfort us, but to guide us through every phase of our lives, if we will let Him.

If a person is suffering from some disorder, he is wise to accept it, recognize it, and confess it. It could very well be that God in His infinite plan will use this disorder to keep the Christian close to himself and to show him that he is not self-sufficient. God deals with each individual in the manner best suited for that person.

A self-evaluation of the situation can be made by the neurotic person. Self-evaluations are necessary as a means of checking one's spiritual growth and needs. However, caution should be taken that self-evaluation is not the only thing that a person has time for. Everyone has sinned, and God is ready to forgive sin; but once sin is forgiven, it should be forgotten. God forgets forgiven sin and so should we. Meditating on past mistakes and sins is a waste of time as well as damaging to one's mental health.

The solution for the Christian is to draw closer to His Lord and see His power, holiness, and love. When this has been accomplished, the neurosis will fade into the background, and Christ will shine forth. The most important thing in the world is the relationship between the Christian and his Lord. ▼

Grace News

No Humble Pie

The following item appeared in the Warsaw *Times-Union* newspaper:

Fort Wayne Bible College, in a recent basketball game with Grace College, displayed a large sign greeting the Grace College players. It read, "God giveth Grace to the Humble." Grace College won the game!

Lancers Finish Their Most Successful Basketball Season

The Grace College Lancers, under the direction of coach Glen "Chet" Kammerer, recently finished their most successful season in the history of basketball at Grace College with a 19-6 overall record for the season.

The G-men, who finished second in the Mid-Central Conference with an 8-2 mark, were characterized this year by their lack of height and presence of hustle. Wisely playing a "running game," they outran and outshot one tough opponent after another, with the highlight of the season being two victories over archrival Goshen College. The team is primarily composed of sophomores and juniors, and there will be no graduating seniors leaving at the end of this school year.

In addition to victories on the basketball court, the Lancers count this year as one of real spiritual victory. Each of the athletes knows Christ as personal Saviour, and the Sunday services with testimonies and special music by the fellows proved a rich blessing to many and an effective Christian ministry.

Choir Keys Toward Musicale, Tour



Professor Don Ogden rehearses the 1968 Grace College Choir in preparation for the annual spring musicale.

March 24 FORT WAYNE, Ind., Grace Brethren
COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., Trinity Methodist
29 WASHINGTON, Pa., Grace Brethren
30 Open
31 TEMPLE HILLS, Md., Grace Brethren
WINCHESTER, Va., First Brethren

April 1 HAGERSTOWN, Md., Grace Brethren
2 HARRISBURG, Pa., Melrose Gardens Brethren
3 TELFORD, Pa., Penn Valley Brethren
4 DUNCANSVILLE, Pa., Leamersville Brethren
5 CONEMAUGH, Pa., First Brethren
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7 CANTON, Ohio, Grace Brethren
RITTMAN, Ohio, First Brethren
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13 DES MOINES, Iowa, First Brethren (Youth)
14 DES MOINES, Iowa, First Brethren
19 WARSAW, Ind., Rotary Club
21 SIDNEY, Ind., First Brethren
WARSAW-WINONA LAKE Concert
28 BROOKVILLE, Ohio, Grace Brethren
DAYTON, Ohio, Basore Road Grace Brethren
ENGLEWOOD, Ohio, Englewood Brethren

May 5 SOUTH WHITLEY, Ind., Centerview Community

Campus Pix



"Watch 'em Dad! They're going to steal the ball!" Chad Kammerer, 5-month-old son of Lancer coach Chet Kammerer, pays close attention during a recent basketball game.

Over 60 alumni and guests attended the alumni banquet during the 17th Annual Grace Bible Conference. The banquet was held in Alpha Hall dining commons and a special musical program was presented by the college music department.



The library as it looked from the prayer tower on Feb. 1. It is about one-third completed with completion planned for the spring of 1969. Pray for good weather!





Three members of the Warsaw (Ind.) High School band presented a percussion recital to the college student body recently. These boys are taught by Jerry Franks, instructor in music at the college.

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A Rare Gift for Grace

A unique and rare expression of student loyalty was culminated recently on the Grace College campus, as student council president Steve Young presented a gift of $9,410 for the library-learning center now under construction on the campus to Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of the college. The student body voted last year to assess itself $10 per student each semester as an expression of loyalty and support to the college's building program.

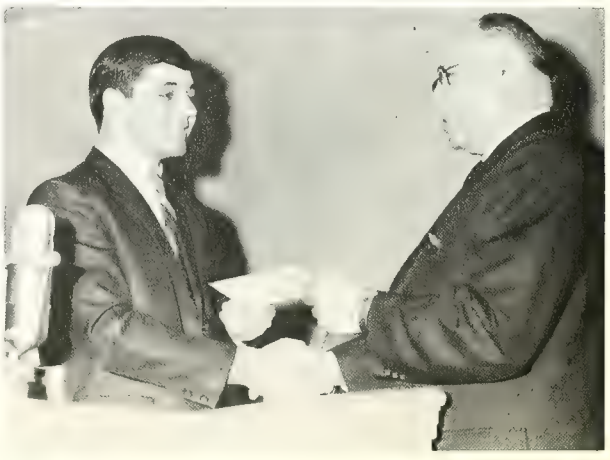
In response to the gift, Dr. Hoyt stressed that the project was entirely student-initiated and stated, "If you could sit in my chair and face the critical financial issues as we do, you would know how truly grateful we are."

Referring to John 4:37, "One soweth, another reapeth," Dr. Hoyt pointed out, "Everything we are reaping today, our predecessors have sown." He told the students, "You may not reap directly the benefits of this gift, but perhaps your children or others close to you will."

Originally designed as a two-year project to total nearly $20,000, the project was initiated by the student council last year and voted on by the student body. The $9,410 represents the first installment of the total gift. For ease in handling, the $10 assessment was added to the fees in the registration line at the beginning of each semester.

A committee composed of the presidents and secretaries of the four college classes is currently working on recommendations for the specific designation of the gift.

The $650,000 library-learning center to which the gift was applied is now under construction and is expected to be occupied in the spring of 1969. With this gift the funds—available, or promised—approach half the amount which is needed. ▼



At right: Steve Young presents check to Dr. Herman A. Hoyt.

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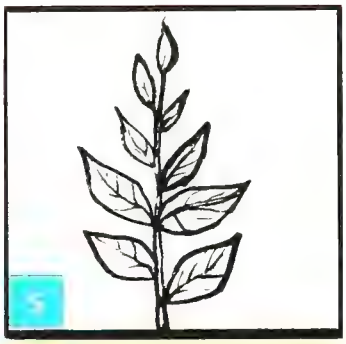


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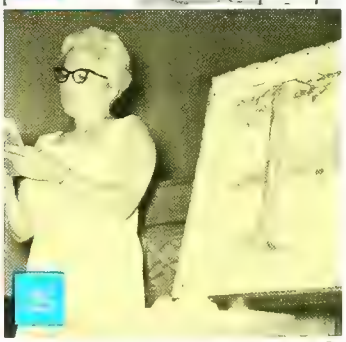
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COVER PHOTO – Missionary Bill Burk contacts fishermen for the Lord Jesus Christ. Mr. Burk is familiar with when these men come in to this Brazilian shore; and he makes it a point to be there as a fisherman for souls. This unposed picture was snapped by a Brethren layman, Mr. Don Emch of Rittman, Ohio, when he visited Brethren missionaries on the field in Brazil.

Dr. Miles Taber



Dr. Miles Taber

"I have a very deep conviction that being the pastor of a church is a full-time job." These are the words of the late Dr. Miles Taber, former Editor and Business Manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, and long-time pastor. His statement breathes the conviction and dedication for a cause so characteristic of this man of God. When he made this statement, he was presenting the negative position on the subject of whether a pastor should become a writer. His conviction was that if a man spends very much time in writing, he is neglecting his pastoral work. And for Dr. Taber this was not right. Many disagreed with him, but this did not disturb Dr. Taber. If he believed a thing, he stood for it no matter if he had to stand alone.

A fellow pastor who knew him over a long period of years said of Dr. Taber, "He was an excellent editor. He was actually the first full-time editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald.* As a pioneer in the true editorial position, he did much for the *Herald.*"

This brother stated further: "His comments were concise and to the point. He had an investigative nature. When he said something, you knew what he meant. He was a student while he was editor, reading his way completely through Matthew Henry's Commentary. He did much to promote the book ministry, putting good books in the hands of pastors. He read the books which he pushed! He was not always appreciated. He was an honest critic."

Another associate said of him, "He was a man devoted to the Word of God and The Brethren Church. He always left a church better than it was when he came to it. He rarely preached longer than thirty minutes, but *what sermons* he preached! There was a freshness, depth, and comprehensiveness to his sermons which made you realize that you had heard a great message every time. The sermons were well-packed."

Still another pastor said of him, "I was impressed by his love and gentleness. I never heard him raise his voice."

As one of his successors in the editorship of the *Herald* I can say that he has always stood out as a man of conviction and dedication, and a man who was a successful pastor, even though he served sacrificially throughout much of his ministry. But "things" were not of primary concern to him; his aim was to serve and to please his Lord. And this I am sure he did. I never heard him preach a sermon with which I was disappointed. One could tell that he had been with the Lord and the Word long hours as the message was being prepared. His presentation reflected this very clearly.

We shall miss such a man in our fellowship. But we dare not mourn his loss as those who have no hope. We cannot begrudge him the meeting with his Lord, and the sweet fellowship with Him that he now enjoys. But we can praise God for him and for his rich and dedicated ministry among us. And, we can pray that God will warm the hearts of those of us who are left behind so that our ministry will be richer and fuller because of his example. ▼



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A Moment with Missions

By Rev. John W. Zielasko

"The era of the foreign missionary movement is definitely over."

"There is rising doubt about the value of the missionary's work."

"Missionaries should spend less time on evangelism."

"A missionary career does not interest many young people who once would have been attracted to it."

"The syndrome of despair is growing among many of us."

These negative opinions voiced by clergymen concerning foreign missions were recorded by a leading news agency (*U. S. News & World Report* for Feb. 26, 1968) just a week before the board of trustees met in their midyear sessions to consider the foreign missionary program of The Brethren Church.

Needless to say, this attitude found no spokesman among the eleven men chosen by the FMS to direct its program. Their approach was positive; indeed, it could hardly be otherwise for a church that believes in the authority of the infallible Word of God and in a resurrected Saviour who has commissioned her to keep at the task until this age closes.

The FMS, with over one hundred missionaries, has no intention of giving up or of planning to "voluntarily dismantle our present missionary organization," as a lecturer on missions recently suggested (Rev. Ronan Hoffman, Catholic University professor). Just as long as this age of grace continues—just as long as the rapture of the church is delayed, the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society will be in business. In fact, not only is there no thought of retreat, but actually it is felt very strongly that we must escalate and intensify the battle for the souls of men.

All board members were present for the midyear meetings. Some of the important board actions are listed in the following paragraphs:

Financial report. Proof that The Brethren Church is behind her missionaries was demonstrated again this past year in the excellent report presented by the financial secretary, Mr. Kenneth Moeller. The general budget for 1968 will require an increase of some $50,000 in offerings. The great forward thrust planned in our missionary program, plus heavy inflation, will make this need imperative.

Candidates. Brethren Foreign Missions is not experiencing the great dearth of candidates that we hear much about today. It is sometimes difficult to find the right person for the immediate need on a field, but we are greatly encouraged by the very capable candidates who sought interviews with the board. It is with thanksgiving to God that we announce the approval of the following candidates:

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Farner and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Bearinger for Brazil. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shargel and Miss Evelyn Tschetter for the Central African Republic.

All of these will be released shortly after this coming national conference and will enter language schools about the middle of September, providing they have their total support.

The applications of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hammers for France, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Peugh for Germany were also approved. These couples are to finish their present courses of study and then begin definite preparations for foreign service.

Cadet and summer missionaries. A team of young people led by Rev. and Mrs. Tom Julien will serve as summer missionaries in France this year. Enthusiasm is already running high among young people who have applied for this program.

Rev. Scott Weaver will lead a team to Brazil in June and will conduct evangelistic campaigns among the various Brethren churches of the Amazon Valley for a six- to eight-week period.

Personnel needs. The Africa Field Council has requested a total of nineteen missionaries, ranging from a teacher of missionary children to church-planting missionaries. Argentina needs at least five more missionaries as soon as possible. Mexico City needs an additional family. In fact, every one of our fields would welcome additional personnel.

Projects. A list of projects along with personnel needs will appear in the foreign-mission section of the *Missionary Herald* next month.

New fields. Perhaps the biggest item to come out of the board meetings is the plan to enter Germany as our next field. Investigation and planning are beginning immediately. Several candidates are now preparing themselves for

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Doest Thou Well To Be Angry for the Gourd?

By Dr. Alva J. McClain



The prophet Jonah sat upon a hill east of the great city of Nineveh, very much displeased because the Ninevehites had repented, and rather hoping that even yet God would destroy the city, which, as a patriotic Jew, he hated.

But the eastern sun was hot, and God, taking pity on the pouting prophet, made a gourd grow up quickly to shade the little booth under which he sat. "So Jonah," we read, "was exceedingly glad for the gourd."

On the second day, as Jonah watched, God "prepared a worm" which smote the gourd so that it withered. As the sun arose and beat upon his unprotected head, Jonah became very uncomfortable and very angry. And God said to Jonah, "Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd?" And Jonah answered, "I do well to be angry, even unto death."

Then said God to Jonah, "Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not labored, neither madest it to grow, which came up in a night, and perished in a night. And should not I spare Nineveh wherein are more than six score thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand (children)?"

Jonah was more concerned about the death of a gourd than about the death of thousands of human souls; more concerned about his own bodily comfort than about the eternal destiny of helpless children. He could see a great city perish without discomfort, but the loss of his shelter makes him angry!

Are we better than Jonah? How many of us are more concerned in an Easter hat than in all the lost millions in Africa and South America? How many of us are more distressed over the puncture of an automobile tire than we are over the dying of men and women without Christ?

"Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd?"

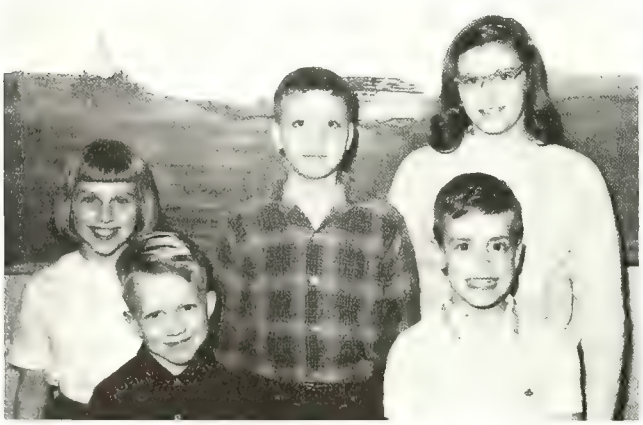
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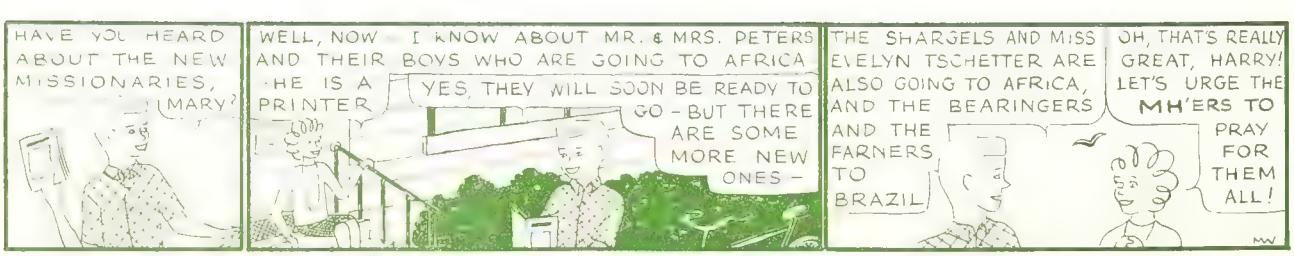
A group of Navajo girls enjoy being Missionary Helpers. Mrs. Betty Masimer, one of the workers at the Brethren Navajo Mission in New Mexico, is the leader of the Missionary Helpers Club there, consisting of these girls from the boarding school at the mission. The girls are learning to know the names of the missionaries and to recognize their pictures.



The club is pictured here. Left to right, seated in front: Rosie Chiquto, Loretta Chavez, Joan Chiquto, Clara Wero, Lydia Lopez, Angie Wero. Standing (middle row): Elouise Chiquto, Caroline Atencio, Sherlie Martinez. Standing at back: Sadie Wero, Genevieve Lopez, Lorita Chavez, Sherry Lopez, Jane Atencio, Evelyn Hains, Eva Wero, Mary Ann Hains, Anita Martinez, and Mrs. Masimer.

Across the country from New Mexico, in Philadelphia, Pa., there are some MH'ers in the First Brethren Church. Left to right, at front: David Appleton, Steven Griffith. At back: Beth Seitz, Ray Ginader, Kathy Griffith.

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MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE IN THREE DIMENSIONS • MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE IN THREE DIMENSIONS • MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE IN THREE DIMENSIONS • BY ALTHEA S. MILLER

We live in a day when even the half-awake Christian knows there is an area of church life which is categorized as *missions*. The term may be ambiguous; he may employ it glibly or ignorantly, but he knows it exists.

Our Brethren Church comes to another Easter season facing the challenge of missions, be it home or foreign, in all its enormity and with all our impotence. I have personally asked for and received from the Lord a heart-opening, eye-seeing view of missions such as I've never before experienced. May I share this "Missionary Imperative" with you as I see it in three dimensions: the *general;* the *collective;* the *specific*.

Worldwide evangelism is certainly an aspect of the *general* dimension in which we should be interested. All believers are obligated by love for their Lord and in obedience to Him to be concerned that the Gospel get to the ends of the earth. Read Mark 13:10 and 16:15 in this connection. Because this aspect seems to be a sweeping generality, many careless believers whose early fervor for Christ has cooled, shrug off the imperative with comments which go something like this: "The Lord knows I can't go"; or, "I'm not missionary timber"—as though this settles the matter.

What if our churches were filled with that deadly attitude? You well know that not only would missions die, but the church would also. The Bible reminds us that "where there is no vision, the people (or cause or program) perish" (Prov. 29:18).

This brings us to the second dimension, the *collective*. As a body we are to be a soul-winning church, a fruit-bearing church. If we have a wrong slant concerning the church—if we believe that it is an organized heap of stones, wood, mortar, and equipment, it is immediately evident that nothing we plan or do will be worth its salt. The inanimate cannot obey the Biblical injunction to bear fruit. The only way the church, the body of Christ, can obey its Head and be soul winners is through its members. Both the Old Testament (Prov. 11:30) and the New (John 15:2) make this clear.

It is at this point that we run into the greatest deterrent to missions. As no chain is stronger than its weakest link, so no church is stronger than its weakest member. This is a *sobering* fact. If you and I are not about our Father's business in daily witnessing and a consistent outreach and dialogue with our neighbors whom we know, how, dear believer, can we effectively pray or give for the so-called heathen across the seas? There is an old proverb to which we succumb too readily: "Everybody's business is nobody's business"—and the work doesn't get done. When this attitude grips the collective body of Christ, missions die first, then the corporate church.

If in this year of 1968 we conscientiously accept our responsibility to the Great Commission in this denomination of which we are a part, we will be fulfilling the purpose, the destiny of the collective body, as God intended.

It is still possible to have a superficial concept of missions when we think only in terms of the *general* or *collective*. But there is a third dimension which we cannot escape. It is the *specific*. This is the very personal aspect of missions.

Believers in Christ are instruments chosen by God to fulfill His command to take the Gospel to all men everywhere. Saturate your thinking with the message of I Corinthians 1:27, and you'll see the imperative and your part in proper perspective.

The Christian who complains about this command as unreasonable and/or impossible, either does not know the power of God, or he denies it. God never asks anything unreasonable, as Paul reminds us in Romans 12:1. Yielding ourselves as His instruments is our "reasonable service." Besides this, God promises His faithfulness to us (I Thess. 5:24).

It is right for us to know and admit that we are not indispensable to God's work. "God buries His workmen but His work goes on." But when we fail in the specific, personal dimension, God is forced to turn to another to do the job, and we miss the blessings.

Whether we like it or not, regardless of whether it strikes our fancy, we are specifically involved in God's Missionary Imperative. We have no message of our own. We are "ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (II Cor. 5:20).

Past performances in the missionary programs by the Brethren have been tremendous and have borne fruit for eternity. But we cannot live in the past or rest on our laurels. Our greatest passion must be that always, at all times, we will give ourselves unstintingly to the Missionary Imperative proclaimed by the Lord Jesus himself: "Go ye therefore, and disciple all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. . . ." (Matt. 28:19-20). ▼

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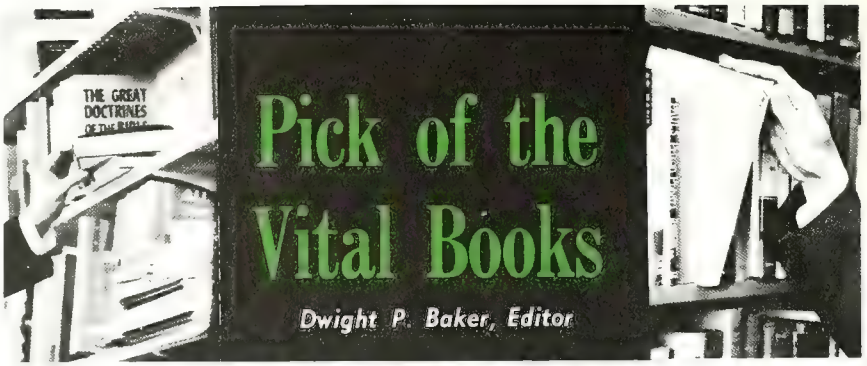
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Mr. & Mrs. Tim Farner
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Four Easter Books

Journey to Calvary

Bernie Smith (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1966), 88 pages, $1.95.

Smith's account is an expanded version of a sermon "preached three hundred times in three hundred different places" (page 7). (One might hope that all three hundred renditions were not delivered to the same audience.) In brief compass, Smith sketches the course of God's redemptive activity from His purposing in eternity past through the earthly life of Christ to the Resurrection. Unfortunately, most of the expansion takes the form of glib, cloying alliteration.

Along with "the masterful masterpiece of the Master" (page 39) and, of course, "the despairing, defeated, dejected disciples" (page 82), one finds some real gems. Witness page 35: "Ah, during these holy hours of this holy week of wonders, we hear the bells of Heaven ringing—and at other times we hear the hissing of hardened and hideous hatred hatched in the horrors of hell!" Or page 77: "And now men could come out of sin's night and into the Light and be made free from sin's blight with the heart made right and the soul washed white that with all their might they could fight the good fight!" Charge on!

The Week That Changed the World

Herbert Lockyer (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1968), 128 pages, $2.95.

Lockyer accords a homily per day to the last week in the life of our Lord. At the end of each he provides several sermon outlines.

It is commonly held that when Christ prayed, "Let this cup pass from me," He was asking to be released from the death on the cross. Lockyer is to be commended for countering this common view. He proposes that due to the rigors He had undergone, Christ was on the verge of physical collapse and death. In the garden Christ prayed for deliverance from "a premature death" (page 54). He asked, "Let *this* cup—the possibility of a death that would not be the tasting of death for every man—pass from me" (page 55). (This interpretation of the "cup" is developed at greater length in J. O. Buswell's excellent work, *A Systematic Theology of the Christian Religion* [Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1963], Vol. II, pp. 61ff.) Lockyer's insistence that the crucifixion "must be laid at the feet of the Jews, not the Gentiles" (page 80) is much more dubious.

This book draws on some magazine articles the author had written several years earlier. Unfortunately, this fact glares at the reader due to the patchwork, and even at times chaotic, organization of the material.

Once Upon a Tree

Calvin Miller (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1967), 127 pages, $2.95.

This is the most deliberately "literate" of the four books. At times the strain after originality and spontaneity shows through painfully. But in the main the writing is good, and the labor put into writing teaches a lesson sorely needed by Christians in the free church tradition: namely, worship deserves to be worked at. The public demonstration of our devotion (be it a testimony, a solo, a speech, or a book) demands labor. That which we offer to God as a work of love done before men should be the very best of which we are capable.

Miller's criticisms of America's lust for the spectacular are well taken. Any movie of the life of Christ that depicts the crucifixion and the empty tomb is certain to be a box office hit. It is also certain to be a travesty of the gospel record. "When the picture is finally released, there is a thirty-five-minute passion scene and a five-minute resurrection that seems drab by comparison" (page 125). He also has some well-aimed barbs for the insistence on spectacular conversions and phenomenal disclosures of God's will in evangelical church life.

Our Risen Lord

Marcus L. Loane (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1965), 119 pages, $2.95.

The Gospels record only ten post-Resurrection appearances. "There may have been other occasions as well when He met the disciples in order to instruct them in the things of the Kingdom; but these ten are enough as proof of His resurrection reality" (page 13). For all who might be inclined to doubt that the Resurrection was both literal and physical, the wounds of the cross which He bore "were indelible testimony to the effect that His body was real and that it was the same" (page 18).

Our Lord's public restoration of Peter has always had a prominent place in Easter devotional thought. Loane devotes six of his ten chapters to it. There is considerable room for doubt that his distinction between the Greek words for love is that which is found in Biblical usage; yet his treatment of this incident is still excellent.

Loane provides a reverent, illuminating, and enriching view of our Lord's post-Easter ministry. Written in a direct and unaffected manner, his work is permeated with an unostentatious scholarship. This is by far the best of the four books.

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WHICH VERSION SHALL I USE?

BY
ALAN JOHNSON
and LOUIS GOLDBERG

Editor's note: Within the past year three articles on "Versions" and "Paraphrases" have appeared in the Herald. *We present herewith the first of two installments of an article that appeared in* Moody Monthly. *This is one of the finest and most comprehensive that I have read, and I recommend it highly to our readers. One of the coauthors, Dr. Louis Goldberg, received his doctorate at Grace Seminary.*

On every hand we see new translations of the New Testament and of the entire Bible. Twelve of those in print today appeared before 1930, some as early as 1872. Since 1930 between twenty and twenty-five of the better-known translations have been made available. And no end to the appearance of new versions is in sight.

With so many versions calling for the attention of the Christian public, questions naturally arise. Why do we need all these translations? Are they all trustworthy? How can I determine their accuracy? Which are the easiest to understand? Which are best for Bible study and which shall I use?

We do need modern translations. The Bible must be in the language of the people if its message is to be understood. Today, especially, when vast segments of the population have been reared in a non-Christian atmosphere it is important that God's Word be easy to read and comprehend. When the Church has made efforts to put the Scriptures into the language of the people, it has made its greatest evangelistic and missionary advances. The Church's greatest losses, on the other hand, have come when the people have not had access to the Bible.

There is another reason for modern translations. Discoveries of ancient manuscripts and literary documents have increased our knowledge of the languages in which the Bible was written. Hence, many recent translations, based on a better understanding of these languages, more accurately reflect fine shadings of meaning. Hebrew usages and Greek tenses are translated by idioms and expressions more nearly their English equivalents.

It should be noted that these manuscript discoveries have generally confirmed the recognized texts; in no case have they raised questions about any cardinal doctrine.

Of the many versions available, which shall I use? This is like asking, "What shall I have for dinner?" The answer depends on what you want. Personal tastes vary, as do the purposes of the translations.

In evaluating a number of the more important versions, from the standpoint of purpose and use, four distinct types become apparent: lit-

eral versions, paraphrases, simpler versions and expanded versions (see H. Dennett, *A Guide to Modern Versions of the New Testament*).

Literal translations adhere to the Greek or Hebrew word order and sacrifice the equivalent English idioms. In a slavishly literal translation the style will be unnatural, the full sense of the original will be missing and the public reading unintelligible. Of course, the effective literal translator avoids this slavish literalism and provides a translation in the language of the people which is faithful to the original text. The chief advantage of the literal versions is that they provide a groundwork for good exegesis, showing just what the Biblical text says and what is emphasized in the sentence order.

A paraphrase is just the opposite of a literal translation. Its purpose is to convey the sense of the Biblical language in colloquial expression. However, in so doing, the translator often becomes an interpreter. Thus, the paraphrases vary widely according to the extent to which the translators indulge in interpretation.

Some of the earliest paraphrases, such as Weymouth and Twentieth Century, merely substituted colloquial language for out-of-date expressions. Later paraphrases such as Living Letters and the J. B. Phillips translations introduced additional material into the text.

The goal of any paraphrase is to make the text more intelligible to people today, but in overstressing the twentieth century idiom there is a danger that readers will not see the Biblical world for what it was. Bible translation should faithfully present eternal Biblical truths in their historical context—and this is important because many times the historical context sharpens the doctrinal truth being expressed. A good paraphrase is a work of art, stating the translation of Scripture intelligibly, reading smoothly and presenting faithfully the culture of the Biblical world.

Simpler versions, with the goal of effective communication, are produced in simplified English. Some have reduced the English word usage to about 1000 words (e.g., *The Bible in Basic English*, Cambridge University Press, 1949). Others, in addition to limiting vocabulary, also break down longer sentences into shorter ones (e.g., Frank Laubach, *Inspired Letters of the New Testament in Clearest English*, Nelson, 1956).

Naturally, these translations with fewer synonyms and verb forms cannot provide for rich idiomatic expressions or full Biblical meanings. The simplified versions do have definite value, however, for people who are limited in their vocabulary or Christian background. They are especially valuable to folk with little education, persons with poor reading habits or those for which English is a second language.

Amplified or *expanded* versions proceed on the basis that certain words in the Biblical languages can be expressed by several English synonyms. Many literal versions, of course, have some forms of amplification already, suggesting alternate renderings of a given word either in the margin or in a footnote. The amplified versions, however, *specialize* in providing alternate possibilities for many of the words, usually in brackets or parentheses with the word itself.



The expanded version allows the reader to choose for himself the best rendering, while in the paraphrase the translator has already made the choice. Of course, the translator of an amplified version must provide the correct synonyms from which to choose.

The amplified version can guide the reader in understanding difficult passages and it can enrich the translation. However, the reader must apply good principles of interpretation in order to select the correct synonyms for the particular passages. Nor can all the suggested synonyms be combined and regarded as the full meaning of the word. If readers are not careful in these areas, differences of opinion can arise that will lead to various interpretations.

We have examined nineteen widely-known versions other than the Authorized Version or the American Standard of 1901. The evaluations are presented here under the first three classifications indicated, though there may be some overlap.

LITERAL VERSIONS

Little or no paraphrase

New American Standard Bible, New Testament, Moody Press, Chicago, 1960.

The ASV, a work of international collaboration, for a half century has enjoyed endorsement as a trustworthy translation of the original text. Because it was felt that the American Standard Version of 1901 was disappearing from usage, an editorial board of linguists, Greek scholars and pastors undertook a revision of this translation in the 1950's.

On the revision helpful marginal notes and cross references are found: paragraphs are designated; quotations and punctuation marks follow the modern practice. "Thou," "Thy" and "Thee" are changed to "you" except in the language of prayer when speaking to Deity. The number of the word "you" is designated "you^{s}" or "you^{pl}" when it cannot be determined from the context. Italics indicate words not present in the Greek text but justified in the translation. The translators indicate that, while giving attention to the latest available Greek manuscripts, the attempt is made ". . . to render the grammar and terminology of the ASV in contemporary English." Where the literalness of the ASV is not possible, a more current English expression is used, but the literal rendering is indicated in the margin. Where necessary, the margins include alternate readings from different manuscripts with explanations. In one instance it is gratifying to note a needed clarification in II Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is in-

spired . . ."

This version is an accurate translation free from archaic expressions and suitable for Scripture memorization, which is not always the case with paraphrases or amplified versions.

The Holy Bible, The Catholic Book Publishers, New York, 1962; and other publishers.

The New Testament of this Bible is the Confraternity Version (first published in 1941 by the Episcopal Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and which can still be obtained separately), which is a revision of the Rheims-Challoner New Testament translated from the Latin Vulgate. The latest evidence for the Vulgate text is followed, but it is indicated that ". . . if the Latin disagrees from the Greek to such an extent to affect the meaning, attention is given in the footnotes" and the Greek is followed. The text is divided in paragraph style but with the verses numbered in the paragraphs.

There is a colloquialness in this translation that lends itself to a good understanding of the Scripture. The footnotes, however, contain Roman Catholic dogma, as in I Timothy 2:5 where this is said to mean "mediatorship as a man," or in Matthew 1:25 which is said to mean that "Mary's perpetual virginity" is not impaired in the least. (Yet in Galatians 1:19 where James is referred to as "the brother of the Lord" there is no explanation!)

In 1948, a new translation of Genesis appeared and therefore a start was made on a translation of the Old Testament based on the Hebrew rather than the Latin. As of 1966, the Biblical material, Genesis to Ruth, the Wisdom Books, Song of Songs, Major and Minor Prophets, have been translated. The rest of the Biblical material is the older Douai version. Of course, the Apocryphal books are included and some of these have been translated also (e.g., Ecclesiasticus, Wisdom of Solomon, Baruch). Footnotes again guide the reader in accordance with Roman Catholic principles.

The translation has an easy reading style and follows the text quite closely, though in the introductions there are evidences of higher critical scholarship.

"Why do we need all these translations? Are they all trustworthy? How can I determine their accuracy?"

LITERAL VERSIONS

With some paraphrase

Revised Standard Version, T. Nelson, New York, 1952.

This version can be considered as a committee revision of the Authorized Version and the American Standard Version, but it also may be regarded as a new translation in view of the discovery of materials which help in the understanding of the Biblical text. The Revised Standard Version has many points to commend it. For the most part it reads smoothly, and archaic expressions are set aside. However, this translation is given more to paraphrase than the older standard versions, even though some of the Authorized Version expressions are still retained. The translation also manifests decidedly Unitarian tendencies when the pronouns "thee, thou, thy," usually reserved for Deity, are withheld when they refer to the Lord Jesus Christ. Still another consideration are the multiple uses of emendations, or alterations, based on conjecture in the Old Testament text. Many times Old Testament manuscripts of secondary importance are used to substantiate these alterations. Such changes should always be a "last-ditch" resort to clarify the text. In many instances archeological discoveries have shown former emendations unnecessary.

There are decided New Testament alterations. In Mathew 7:14 the Lord Jesus said, "Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction" (AV; ASV), but RSV has, "The way is easy that leads to destruction." In I Corinthians 1:21, "not many wise men after the flesh" reads ". . . not many of you were wise according to worldly standards." These paraphrases decidedly interpret and are not mere translations. In the Old Testament in addition to Isaiah 7:14, Psalm 45:6, "Thy throne, O God, is forever, and ever . . ." is made to read, "Thy divine throne . . ." which clearly does not do justice to the Old Testament text.

These are only a few instances out of many. While it may be felt in some quarters that exactness in language is not important, we can only say that a "God-breathed" Scripture means consideration of the very words, usages, tenses, etc., and excludes free translation that gives an erroneous interpretation.

Therefore, even though the RSV has enjoyed a wide popularity, there are sufficient drawbacks to this version to make its unqualified use questionable.

Revised Standard Version, Roman Catholic Edition, T. Nelson, New York, 1966.

The Catholic Bible Association of Great Britain has been responsible for a Roman Catholic edition of the RSV. Their statement in the foreword to the edition has been that the different religious branches—Protestant, Catholic and otherwise—can use just about the same Bible. However, the New Testament RSV Catholic editions, while not changing the bulk of the New Testament RSV, does incorporate some sixty-seven changes that reflect Roman Catholic dogma.

But in the Old Testament, "it was not thought necessary to make any changes at all." The usual amount of footnotes are carried. Of course, the Apocrypha books are included along with the Old Testament text. Thus the objections already indicated concerning the regular RSV apply to the Roman Catholic edition as well.

The Holy Bible: The Berkeley Version in Modern English, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1959.

The New Testament portion is a private version by Gerrit Verkuyl, whose desire was to produce a translation less interpretative than Moffatt,

more American than Weymouth and less tied to the King James than the RSV. Working from the best Greek manuscripts, Verkuyl did produce a version with clear idiomatic English. The archaic expressions with obscurities of speech are minimized. Yet there are a number of stiff expressions.

Much the same is true of the Old Testament. Many scholars, each responsible for his own work, did the translation work on portions assigned to them, but the whole Berkeley Version is essentially a private venture with no formal committee revision procedure. Concerning some Old Testament observations, it is noted that messianic prophecies with regard to Christ are carefully preserved, although a passage like Daniel 9:24-27 is translated in such a manner so as to interpret the "seventy weeks."

The version carries chronological notations at the headings of many of the chapters while the footnotes along with the other explanatory remarks have moral and ethical suggestions. F. F. Bruce has regarded this work as the conservative counterpart of the RSV. While there is some free paraphrase and loose colloquial expression in the New Testament work, the version as a whole commends itself in many respects.

The New English Bible, Oxford, 1961.

This version stems from an interdenominational joint committee of English Protestants under the direction of C. H. Dodd, commissioned in 1946 to make a "completely new translation" of the Bible "rather than a revision of any earlier version." It was to be a "faithful rendering of the best available Greek text into the current speech of our time and a rendering which should harvest the gains of recent Biblical scholarship." The New Testament appeared in March, 1961, and has been widely adopted by many British and American groups. Since a new Greek text has been constructed for this project, it marks an innovation in committee translations where formerly standard critical editions of the Greek text were used. However, in a number of cases, in our judgment, this new text follows questionable and slender manuscript evidence in the readings it adopts (e.g., John 13:10; 19:21; Mark 8:26; Phil. 2:16). Work still continues with the Old Testament.

Many attractive features and qualities ranging from a pleasing format and attractive style to clarity and forcefulness have contributed to the New English Bible's present popularity. Though we cannot give a careful analysis of the translation here, a number of general weaknesses in the NEB can be cited. It falls prey to excessive interpretive paraphrases and free translations in many instances (e.g., John 16:8-11, Rom. 5:15). For this reason, it is difficult to classify the NEB as either a literal translation with some paraphrase or as a true paraphrase. Furthermore, there are no italics to indicate where words and phrases are added in English in order to complete the Greek sense. Parentheses are used ambiguously for both the added words and parenthetical thought.

We concur with Culbertson's conclusion: "It is a volume for the reader who wants a sense of the sweep of Scripture in modern speech; it is not a basic text for the student (though it undoubtedly has supplemental value). The student will want to use it in comparison with the older versions." Its chief merit, in our opinion, is its good English style and forcefulness of expression. The NEB's freedom with the text will surely hinder its widespread adoption by evangelicals as a wholly reliable and authoritative version.

The Anchor Bible, Doubleday, Genesis, Vol. I; other volumes follow.

This project is included here only by way of special mention since there has been a tremendous amount of publicity given to it in many magazines. It is known as an ecumenical venture and is under the editorial supervision of William F. Albright and David N. Freedman. For each book of the Bible there is to be an English translation conveying an accurate translation and meaning of the Hebrew and Greek texts and yet adapting the translation to modern American English. Yet in many instances the translation follows the Biblical text quite literally (e.g., Ps. 1, John 1). There are some curious colloquialisms (e.g., in John 3:1 where Nicodemus is "a member of Jewish Sanhedrin").

With the translation there are explanatory notes and a commentary considering historical and critical matters. The work is international and interfaith since Catholic, Protestant and Jewish scholars from many parts of the world contribute to individual volumes. There is no ecclesiastical organization behind the project, and each Bible book is the work of one scholar who is an expert in the field. It should be noted that most scholars hold the theologically liberal view.

Although there are commendable features, Wilbur M. Smith said of Vol. I, *Genesis,* as well as of the other volumes, "I do not commend it but wish to inform evangelicals that they will find very, very little in this volume (not to mention the other volumes) that will help them in understanding the ways of God, or nourish their own souls, or give them material for preaching the Word of God from the pulpit. . . ."

The Torah, The Five Books of Moses, The Jewish Publication Society of America, Phila., 1963.

This is the first phase of a Jewish translation of the entire Old Testament, of which the other books are still in process of translation. There is an English translation of the Hebrew Old Testament dating from 1917, largely modeled on the idiom of the Authorized Version, but the present version is a new translation into modern English. The text reads smoothly and is free from expressions difficult to understand while at the same time it follows the Hebrew text fairly well. The print is easy to read and the translation is in paragraph form. In instances where the context demands extra words that are not in the Hebrew text, paraphrase is used, but the additional words are bracketed. Where the text is controversial, there are variant readings in the footnotes, thus allowing some choice for the reader. It is noted that in Exodus 3:14, the holy name for God is left untranslated. The reading is, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites, *Eheyeh* sent me."

The version does seem to have some doctrinal bias. In Genesis 3, the tree, of which Adam and Eve ate, is called "the tree of knowledge of good and bad." One wonders concerning

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The Artist Who Found Christ



Rev. Wesley Haller baptizing Bob Tabor.

By
Rev.
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Rejoice with us in the conversion of Bob Tabor. How his salvation came to pass has been a real encouragement to our church in the preaching of the Word and the practice of personal witnessing.

It all began last spring when a young couple moved into the Middlebranch (Ohio) community. They reasoned that Easter was a time to go to church. Since the Grace Brethren Church was in view from their apartment, they came for the first time on Resurrection Sunday. And they heard a message that was new to them—the Gospel of how Christ died, and was buried, and rose again. They attended Sunday after Sunday. A personal contact by several young, married Christian couples backed up what they were hearing in God's house. One Sunday morning early in the summer, they publicly declared their faith in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

At approximately the same time, the Lord provided an item missing from the physical property of the church: that is, a new baptistery. Gifts for this baptistery came from several families, with the major portion coming from a mother and daughter who several months previously

had made first-time decisions. Three days after their decisions, a telegram informed them of the supreme sacrifice of the son and brother of that family in Vietnam. When the need of a baptistery was mentioned from the pulpit by the pastor, a sizable gift was given in memory of that loved one. And this mother and daughter were the first, along with the young couple already mentioned, to be baptized in the new pool.

However, one phase of the project was not complete. A suitable background painting was needed. The young couple suggested the husband's brother, Bob Tabor. At that time, he was serving in the United States Air Force at Blytheville, Arkansas, painting murals in the buildings on the base. When contacted by letter, he agreed to paint a picture compatible to a baptistery.

Upon his release from the Air Force in December, Bob fulfilled his promise by securing a black and white photograph of a Jordan River scene from a book in the public library. As he began to paint, his brother and others spoke to him of the necessity of the new birth. He came to the services and listened intently as the Word was preached. Praise the Lord, one Sunday evening, even before the painting was finished, after the invitation hymn had been sung, he walked to the front of the church while the pastor was leading in the closing prayer. When the pastor pronounced the "Amen," there stood Bob, desiring to confess the Lord as his Saviour.

With new life and new joy in his heart, it seemed Bob blended the colors of that painting with new skill. What a climax it was to 1967 at the watch-night service to baptize Bob Tabor, the artist (along with four others), as his painting was unveiled.

Now Bob has gone to California to continue his study of art. He worships with one of our Brethren congregations there (South Pasadena). They share now in the responsibility of his growth in Christ. At last report, Bob has found an opportunity, too, to serve the Lord with his talent through a Christian organization.

Such experiences as these can happen, we realize, and are happening in other Brethren congregations. Our desire in sharing this experience is to encourage all of us to "keep on keeping on" in the matter of personal witnessing and in the preaching of God's Word. ▼

Which Version . . . ?

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the doctrinal implications of "bad" and notes that the doctrine of sin in Jewish tradition (good and bad human impulses, no original sin) is not the same as in Biblical theology. Again, Deuteronomy 6:4, Israel's great confession, is "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone." Through this, one sees here an interpretation of the Jewish emphasis concerning the absolute unity of God when the Biblical text uses a word expressing composite unity. Some other translation deviations are seen in Numbers 24:17 and Genesis 3:15.

The translation is basically the work of one man, H. Orlinsky, noted Jewish scholar, although two other scholars and three rabbis acted as board of supervision. The three rabbis represented the three branches of the Jewish community. Besides providing a modern version for Jewish people, the translation is recommended for those who want something of the Jewish outlook.

The New World Translation, Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, New York, 1953.

This version is included only to indicate how a distinctive cult (Jehovah's Witnesses) can translate the Bible to suit its own purposes, often without the substantiation of any kind of good Biblical exegesis. Of course, where no theological bias is involved, the translation can be a fairly good idiom. Yet, this cult denies the equality of the Son with the Father, and thus John 1:1 is translated ". . . and the word was a god."

Also, the word "Jehovah" is often substituted in the New Testament for the word "Lord" although "Jehovah" is not used when referring to the Lord Jesus Christ personally. Thus there is an inconsistency to support a particular bias. Since this version denies the deity of Christ, it will not have much value for the evangelical Christian. ▼

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(To be continued in the May 4 issue. Many of our readers may want to keep this installment and file it along with the second.)

Escalation . . .

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this work, and, the Lord willing, the FMS plans to enter Germany in about a year and a half.

Missionaries in action. Observe the pictures of foreign missions in action in this issue and then make your own evaluation about the value of missionary work. You will, no doubt, come to the same conclusion as did the board: to escalate, expand, launch out, and continue to obey the commission of our Lord.

Will The Brethren Church support this escalation of the foreign-mission program? We believe you will. ▼

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Elaine Miller and Wayne Sheets, Feb. 17, Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Oregon.

Connie Thomas and Mike Bayard, March 3, Basore Road Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

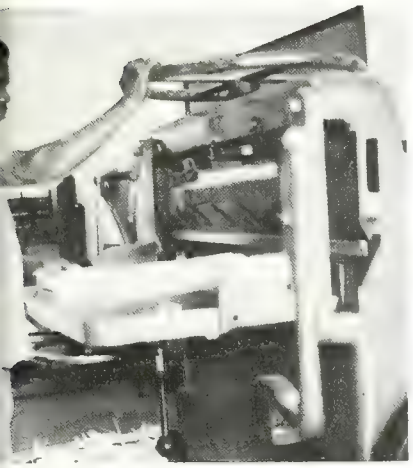
Sheryl Brubaker and Clinton Hawk, Jr., Feb. 3, Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church, Ankenytown, Ohio.

Janet Fischer and Dan Cole, Feb. 16, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Pamela Fuller and Dan Hopwood, March 2, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

JoAnne Beidelschies and Dale Andrew Forrest, March 16, Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

MISSIONS IN ACTION





The varied facets of Brethren foreign missionary activity contribute to one central purpose --



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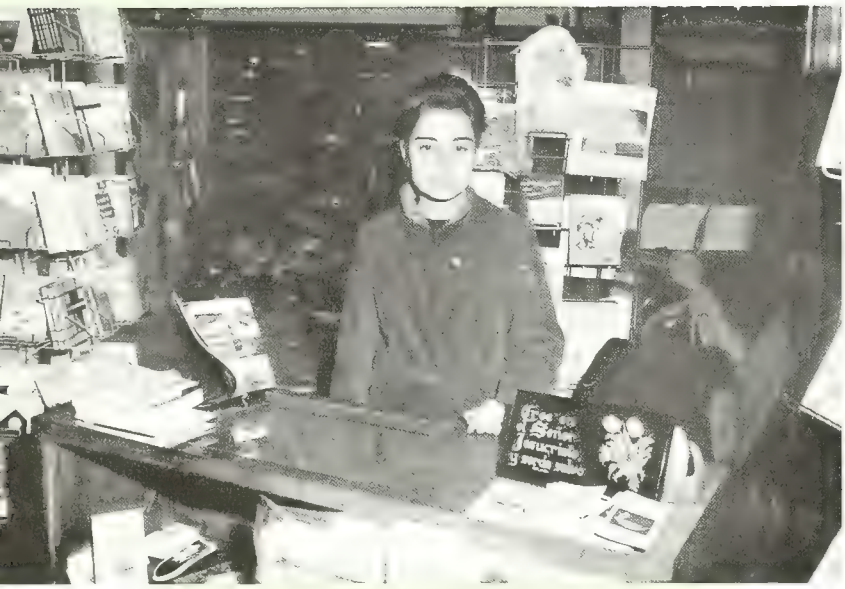
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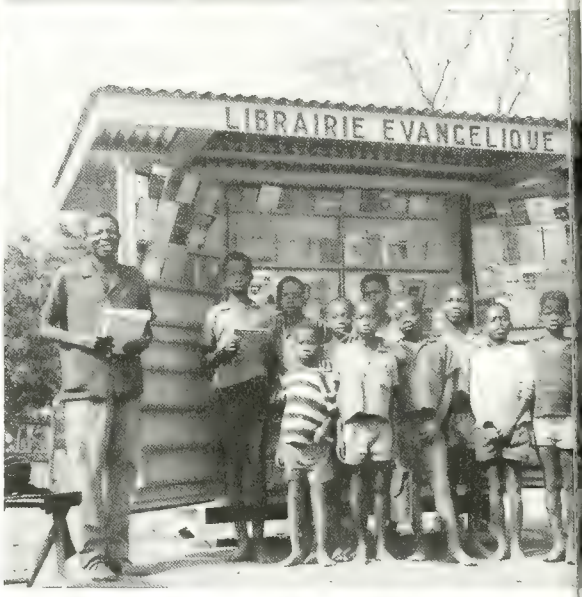


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Worldscope

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP). A Georgia man, convicted of a perjury charge after the trial judge read from the Bible to the jury, has asked the Supreme Court to review his case and reverse the verdict. The judge read excerpts from the Bible when giving instructions to the jury and discussed the religious aspects of oath taking, thereby unduly influencing the jurors says the defendant, Robert Eugene Franklin. A three-year prison sentence was given to Franklin after his perjury conviction by the U.S. District Court in the middle district of Georgia. When he appealed to the 5th Circuit Court, the appeals court upheld the verdict.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (EP). Vermont's House ways and means committee has endorsed a bill which would tax all land owned by churches and schools and state-owned property. Following the committee's approval of the measure, Gov. Philip Hoff reported he had received telephone calls and letters from persons who were "agitated" by the action, but commented: "I think the theory is sound. Churches and schools receive certain essential services that should be borne by these organizations." The governor said he was not too concerned about taxation of land under the churches, because "it is a small amount of money involved."

KHE SANH, Vietnam (EP). Take any dug-in battalion and you'll find that there are just as many atheists there as there are on any peaceful street in the United States, says a chaplain ministering to bombarded marines here. "I know the old saying that there are no atheists in foxholes," Chaplain Ray Stubbe of Milwaukee declared. "Maybe that was true once, but it isn't now. Perhaps the world has changed, I don't know." Five thousand U.S. marines holding Khe Sanh already have suffered more than 10 percent casualties. The leathernecks know the battle may yield many more. Said the 39-year-old Lutheran chaplain, "The shelling isn't bringing in any more men. I am getting the normal calls from men with family problems, and I talked with one conscientious objector. Their religious attitude hasn't changed much. But those who already were moderately religious tend to be more so. When the incoming artillery begins exploding they say they pray and pray hard." Blind luck, according to many marines, often determines who lives and who dies.

JERUSALEM (EP). The Hebrew language, dormant since the days of the Bible, has come back to full flower as the common language of Israel today. Approximately a million Jews in other lands also now regard it as their mother tongue. Until 1900, Hebrew was reserved for scholarly writings and exchanges between learned Jews.

CEDAR GLEN, Canada (EP). A veteran missionary journalist warned here at Canada's first-ever Regional Conference of Evangelical Literature Overseas Feb. 12-15 that evangelicals must not lag behind in using graphic arts to get the attention of readers. Harold Fuller, Director of Literature for the Sudan Interior Mission, added in his keynote address before some 90 delegates representing 30 mission organizations that "the most deeply spiritual content won't do people any good if they won't look at it in the first place."

SEATTLE, Wash. (EP). The 24th annual Teen Valentine Banquet sponsored by King's Garden drew a record crowd of 3,552 youth, with 500 turned away from the jammed quarters at Exhibition Hall of the Seattle Center. Evangelist Merv Rosell spoke to the teens and afterward saw every chair filled in the inquiry room as the young people sought help in spiritual matters or salvation for their souls.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP). Victoria Catanzaro of Chicago is scheduled to sail for Naples to serve as a bookkeeper with the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Miss Catanzaro thus becomes the 17th Christian Corpsman placed by the Christian Service Corps here, a missions-oriented employment agency. She is also the first to be assigned to Italy.

Church News

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. James Custer are proudly announcing the arrival of Daniel Stephen, the newest "ex officio" staff member with the Board of Evangelism. He was born on March 5 and weighed 8 pounds and 6½ ounces.

ATLANTA, GA. Rev. Bill Byers, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, reports that four teen-age boys and one man were baptized recently. The church membership now stands at seven members. Twelve teen-agers from the church went to a youth rally at the Washington Heights Brethren Church at Roanoke, Va., and the quiz team is now preparing to enter district competition. The Sunday school earned the national Sunday-school banner in its division during the months of December and January for increased attendance.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Rev. Russell E. Konves will terminate his ministry at the Grace Brethren Church on or before April 10.

WESTMINSTER, CALIF. An "Accent Family" crusade with Ken Poure as speaker was held at the Westminster Brethren Church on Feb. 11-14. Ken Poure, an outstanding crusade speaker, presented "parent pressure" sessions entitled, "Why Do Children Have Parents?" He also held "teen tangle" sessions which were for teen-agers only. There were 52 decisions made during the crusade, 23 rededications and 29 first-time decisions for salvation. The total number of people attending the four-day crusade was 1,266. Douglas E. Bray, pastor.

MONTCLAIR, CALIF. There were 10 people baptized during February at the Grace Brethren Church. Also, a week of revival meetings were held with Rev. Douglas Bray, pastor of the Westminster Brethren Church, serving as speaker. Nine decisions were made during the special meetings. Allen Herr, pastor.

CHANGES. Rev. Edward Lewis, 6117 N.W. 27th St., Margate, Fla. 33063 (Tel. 305-972-0369). The new telephone number for the Cherry Valley Brethren Church of Beaumont, Calif., is 714-845-2653. Please change your *Annual.*

RINER, VA. Rev. Murl D. Updike has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church effective March 31.

GLENDALE, CALIF. On March 17 the church family of the Grace Brethren Community Church held a reception for the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Lyle W. Marvin, in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. Evangelist James Custer held revival meetings at the Rosemont Brethren Church recently; there were many decisions made. The church has a newly remodeled kitchen, and the people are praising the Lord for sending a carpenter who gave freely of his time. Robert L. Dell, pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. On March 3 Jay Kesler, vice-president of Youth for Christ International, was the special speaker at the First Brethren Church. That evening Don Ogden, professor of music at Grace College, spoke and sang. He was assisted by Grace musicians. Then on March 10 the Campus Life Singers, a youth ensemble affiliated with Youth for Christ International, were in charge of the Sunday evening service. Appearing with the singers was Noe Marandet, a medical student from the Central African Republic, who is now studying at Grace College. M. L. Myers, pastor.

BROOKVILLE, OHIO. Terry White, instructor in music at Grace College, and the Grace Ambassadors participated in the Sunday morning service at the Grace Brethren Church on Dedication Sunday, March 3. The dedication service for the new auditorium was held at 2:30 p.m. with the following area pastors taking part: Rev. Lon Karns, Rev. G. Forrest Jackson, Rev. Caleb Zimmerman, Rev. William Howard, and Rev. Charles Lawson.

HARRISBURG, PA. Six people were baptized at the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church on Feb. 18. Rev. and Mrs. Harold Dunning, Rev. James Marshall, Dr. Russell Barnard, and Rev. Tom Julien were speakers for a missionary conference held at the church recently. Earle E. Peer, pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. On Feb. 29 three-month-old Stephen John Grabill joined the family of Rev. and Mrs. Dan Grabill. Rev. Grabill is associate pastor of the First Brethren Church. "To the Glory of God" is the theme of the Sacred Arts Festival to be sponsored by the church, May 11-13. Ted Smith and Don Hustad of the Billy Graham Team will present an organ/piano concert on the first evening. On Sunday, May 21, the recently rebuilt 25 rank pipe organ will be dedicated, and in the afternoon a reception will be held for the local artists who enter work in the visual arts part of the festival.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Jackson, Mich.	April 12-14	Gilbert Hawkins	Richard Sellers
Ankenytown, Ohio	April 12-14	Larry Gegner	John Whitcomb
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	April 19-21	Simon Toroian	John Whitcomb
Clayhole, Ky.	April 21-28	Sewell Landrum	Robert Combs
Portis, Kans.	April 21-28	Clarence Lackey	Nathan Meyer
Akron, Ohio	April 28-May 5	John Burke	Bill Smith
Conemaugh, Pa.	April 29-May 5	Robert Crees	Scott Weaver
Grafton, W. Va.	May 1-12	Paul Mohler	James Custer

Prizes will be awarded to the artists producing the most outstanding sacred art. Part three of the festival will feature the Biola choir. This choir concert will be given on Monday evening, May 13. Alva Steffler, pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA. Rev. R. D. Crees sends a note of thanks to all who prayed for Mrs. Beulah Crees and Danny Rough while they were hospitalized. They are both recovering nicely.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cloud, members of the First Brethren Church, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Sunday, March 10, was Dedication Day at the church. Those who participated in the dedication of the new building were Dr. Paul R. Bauman and Rev. John W. Mayes. Charles W. Mayes, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. As a part of its free literature ministry, the Missionary Herald has printed and made available at no cost to the Brethren Financial Planning Service 3,000 brochures entitled "Your Will for Tomorrow." It is a 12-page comprehensive guide for use in preparing information for your attorney, and outlines how you may insure that a share of your estate will be used for the Lord's work. It contains pertinent information on remembering your own local church in your will, as well as the various organizations of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Individuals may request a free copy by writing to the Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

SHEARER, Mrs. Ora, a member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., died on Feb. 20. Alva Steffler, pastor.

WERTZ, Mrs. Julia Ann, 83, died Dec. 31, 1967. She was a faithful member of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., for the past 65 years. Rev. Don K. Rager conducted the funeral services on Jan. 3.

PERKS, Mrs. Lona, 67, a faithful member of the Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa, since 1920, died Feb. 18. Glen Welborn, pastor.

SCHLEGEL, John, a faithful member of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Beaumont, Calif., died Feb. 20. He had been an active member of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif., prior to his retirement at Beaumont. Neil L. Beery, pastor.

WHITMORE, Rev. Bruce, 83, died March 4. He had been a minister in the Church of the Brethren for many years, but he left this group to become one of the charter members of the Grace Brethren Church of Wheaton, Ill. He attended all services of the church faithfully until his illness became too serious and prevented his attendance. Dean Fetterhoff, pastor.



Chaplain (Col.) William V. V. Goldie, staff chaplain who supervises the 382 U. S. Army chaplains in Vietnam, congratulates Chaplain (Capt.) John D. Talley following his reception of the Silver Star award.

CHAPLAIN TALLEY AWARDED THE SILVER STAR

On March 6, 1968, Chaplain (Capt.) John D. Talley was awarded the Silver Star at Lai Kai, Vietnam, by General Hay.

The award was given for gallantry in action against a hostile force. On November 7, 1967, Chaplain Talley was serving as a battalion chaplain. While accompanying elements of the battalion on a search-and-destroy operation in a rubber plantation near Loc Ninh, the unit suddenly received intensive automatic-weapons, small-arms, claymore-mine, and grenade fire from a numerically superior Viet Cong force. Chaplain Talley unhesitatingly left his relatively secure position in the rear and moved into the thick of the fighting to give first aid and words of comfort to the wounded. He then assisted in organizing an aid station in a thickly wooded area slightly to the rear of the main battle site, and personally carried several wounded men to the station while receiving intensive hostile fire. His actions enabled the wounded to be cared for away from the area of heaviest fire. His actions undoubtedly prevented many of them from being killed. A medical evacuation helicopter was called for, and a nearby clearing was designated as a landing zone. This clearing, however, was receiving heavy small-arms fire, endangering both the aircraft and the wounded men. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Chaplain Talley moved out into the landing zone to help deploy a security force in order to suppress the hostile fire. He then remained exposed to sniper fire as he helped place the casualties in the helicopter. His courage under fire, and his regard for the welfare of his men served as an inspiration to those around him and undoubtedly saved many lives. Chaplain Talley's unquestionable valor in close combat against numerically superior hostile forces is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the 1st Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

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A devotional on the Resurrection . . .

No Night . . . No Nail Holes . . .

By Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum

No Night

A young wife called on the phone, "I just want to talk to you. So many unjust things have been happening. . . . And to top it off, my husband came home after being with his colleagues, and he was so troubled about the why of his existence that we were awake half the night talking." Why do the ponderings often come at night when darkness seems to envelop one all around? After seeking answers and comfort from God's Word, the young couple concluded that while God has promised an abundant life now—rich and free in Christ—the fact remains that "if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (I Cor. 15:19).

People who are ill speak of the long nights, and must be given sedatives. Why? To induce sleep which helps to heal? Yes, but also to help them escape the night. Children, so gay and cheerful all day long, without known reason become anxious and tearful at night. The Alaskans up in the tundra terrain have been known to deprive themselves of food to save money to buy oil for their lamps, because the long nights become so wearisome. Dr. Hubertus Strughold, pioneer aerospace medic at the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, writes, "Man in space then will live in a climate of permanent darkness, a situation which may create a psychological hazard." Even the romance of night needs the moon and stars to produce the enchantment.

Men love darkness because their deeds are evil, and so evil men slip into the darkness as into a friendly cloak seeking to defy detection. In some areas of the United States, the authorities warn citizens not to walk alone after sunset. Darkness has become tantamount to a threat against safety.

Matthew records that darkness serves to punish: "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness" (25:30). One of the ten plagues sent to Pharoah and the people of Egypt was darkness. In correctional institutions today, darkness is part of the punishment used in solitary confinement.

Knowing the human heart, God has promised the eternal home of the righteous to be gloriously radiant with Christ as the Light. "And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for the splendor and radiance of God illuminate it, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations shall walk by its light and the rulers and leaders of the earth shall bring into it their glory. And its gates shall never be closed by day, and there shall be no night there" (Rev. 21:23-25, Amplified).

No Death

"And the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces" (Isa. 25:8, Amplified). Every trace of evil will be gone. "But nothing that defiles or profanes or is unwashed shall ever enter it, nor any one who commits abominations . . . but only those whose names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life" (Rev. 21:27, Amplified).

If in this life only we have hope . . . but there is no "if."

> "Life is real. Life is earnest.
> And the grave is not its goal.
> Dust thou art to dust returnest
> Was not spoken of the soul."

What is the hope of the one who personally accepts God's way to eternal life through Christ? The hope is that because He lives, we too shall live. Death was conquered on that first resurrection morning when triumphantly Christ arose! What is the guarantee? The Mosaic law required:

"At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established" (Deut. 19: 15). Here are some of the witnesses who saw Christ the Lord as a man after His resurrection as recorded in the fifteenth chapter of I Corinthians: "He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren . . . after that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles." And Paul adds, "He was seen of me also." The resurrection of Christ is a fully accredited fact.

No Nail Holes

Not only will all Christians live forever in God's family, but also they will all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye (I Cor. 15: 51-52). For those who accept His vicarious atonement, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin. But because natural laws still prevail in this life, vestiges of sin must be borne. As Dr. Warren Wiersbe puts it: "The nails are removed, but God doesn't pull out the nail holes—not in this life. But at the resurrection all the imperfections—even the nail holes will be gone."

But wait, will there be no nail prints? "And one shall say unto him [Christ], What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends" (Zech. 13:6). He was wounded for our transgressions. Christ will bear the print of the nails forever.

What is the answer to the young man's "why of his existence"? The Resurrection is the guarantee that death is utterly vanquished forever . . . and thanks be to God who makes us conquerors through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, be firm, always abounding in the work of the Lord—doing more than enough, being continually aware that your labor in the Lord is never wasted or to no purpose (I Cor. 15:54-58). "And there shall be no more night . . . for the Lord God will . . . be their light, and they shall reign (as kings) forever and ever —through eternities of the eternities" (Rev. 22:5 Amplified). ▼



Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum

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The Dicksons ... Kept for His Service

By Marcia Wardell

"Ye are not your own . . . for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God" (I Cor. 6:19-20). Teen-age June's thoughts turned to this passage when she recalled the Lord's protecting hand over her in two different precarious situations within a short time. First, there had been an attack of acute appendicitis, when she had been brought right to death's door, but He had kept her alive. Later, when riding her bicycle, she was hit by a car; and again it was a miracle that kept her from death. The impact of the realization that twice God had preserved her life caused her to ask Him what He would have her do to serve Him.



Jim and June Dickson and their family. The children (oldest to youngest) are: John, Jacqueline, Joel, and Jill.

June Dickson says her childhood was a normal one. Born to Christian parents in Mishawaka, Indiana, she was the youngest of their seven children. She attended church regularly, and at the age of twelve she decided it was time that she joined the church ("because everyone else was doing it"). But it was "without a heartfelt realization of what Christ had done and would do for me."

"Several years later," she says, "I was finding excuses for not going to church, but the Lord brought events into my life which caused me to turn my eyes upon Him." It was then that the appendicitis attack occurred —on the very day that a new pastor had come to her church. This pastor was to prove very influential in June's life. Because of his daily visits with her in the hospital, she felt obligated later to attend church. "Through this I heard the Gospel preached as I never had before, and the Lord was dealing with me." Then came the other incident which might have claimed her life. Some months later, while she was attending camp at Winona Lake, Indiana, she gave her whole heart to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Her pastor's heart was burdened for missions, and he kept the missionary cause before his congregation. "One day, after hearing a woman missionary from India, the Lord laid it upon my heart to give my life for service on the mission field wherever He led."

June graduated from high school with a commercial major in bookkeeping, and the next year she worked in an office. Then came a year in the local Bethel College, and the following year she transferred to Bryan College at Dayton, Tennessee. At Bryan, "my joys, sorrows, and new experiences were abundant." She had taken part in musical activities at her church in earlier years, and at Bryan she sang in the college choir. In her junior year, she made the gospel team as a member of a quartet; "this was an unforgettable experience." She had enjoyed art training in high school, and showed a special aptitude for it. In college she took more art classes, including one in chalk drawing, which has proved most helpful in her missionary service.

At Bryan June met Jim Dickson. Their marriage occurred in September, 1953, after June's graduation. Jim finished college and went through Grace Seminary, "not knowing where the Lord wanted him." Then, "through several events and Dr. John Whitcomb's testimony, the Lord gave us a burden and a love for Puerto Rico. Almost miraculously He supplied our needs for coming to Puerto Rico, and within a year and a half we were on the field." She adds, "Since we came as self-supporting missionaries, work had to be found. And, the language had to be learned. I remember one time when there was no milk and no money to buy any, and the Lord sent us ten dollars in the afternoon mail. There were other times when the cupboard was bare and the money gone, but He graciously supplied." After several years of being self-supporting, they were taken under full support of the mission board.

"The Lord has provided me opportunities to serve Him here on the field as a wife, mother of four children, Sunday-school teacher, SMM patroness, chalk artist, sign painter, and organist (pump organ). The national WMC sent us a mimeograph, so this enabled us to start making bulletins. My job is to design the covers.

"When problems arise, I am reminded of the verse, 'Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit' (John 15:16). As the Lord has led so definitely in the past and supplied our needs, I know He will continue to do so in the future as we wait for His return."

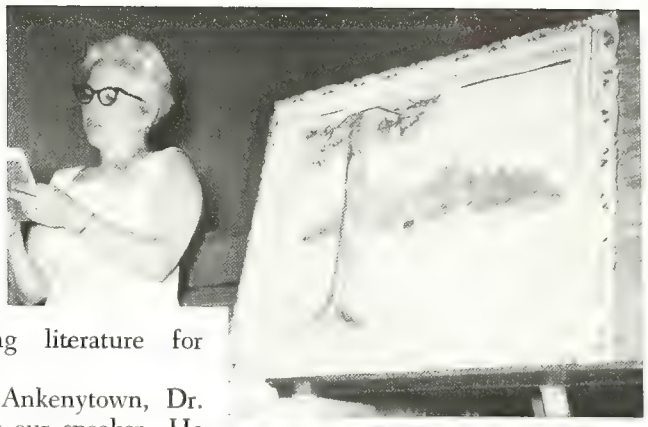
June Dickson adds a "thank you" to the WMC concerning her being one of this year's "birthday missionaries": "I want to express a deep gratitude for having been one of those chosen for this honor." ▼

WMC News

Northern Ohio Reports

Last April at our district conference in the Woodville Grace Brethren Church at Mansfield, the decision was made to divide our district. There would be just one more year for the Northern Ohio WMC. We believe that this year is a memorable one. Every quarter's rally has had its high point.

At the July rally in Wooster, our national secretary, Mrs. Willard Smith, gave highlights of her vacation at Word of Life Camp at Schroon Lake, New York. As Mrs. Kenneth Ashman played the organ softly, Mrs. Smith did a beautiful drawing of the lake on which the camp is located. Our district boasts two other national officers, Mrs. Richard Placeway and Mrs. Earle Cole. Our project money went for printing literature for Mexico.



Mrs. Williard Smith with her painting.

In October, at Ankenytown, Dr. Herman Hoyt was our speaker. He awed and thrilled us with a beautiful picture of Christ in words, using Revelation 1:12 to 16 and showing His two distinct natures, human and Deity. Our project was a washer for the Hospitality House at Bangui. Soon after the rally we were saddened

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At right: Guests at Rittman, left to right, Miss Grace Byron, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Thompson and Miss Elizabeth Tyson.

Joys . . .

- Comment of a nervous, mentally-retarded boy after church: "Mrs. Dickson, I was nervous when I came to church, but I feel calm now."
- Joy seen on faces of the people who had each just received a handkerchief and a pencil as gifts for Christmas.
- A newborn Christian selling custards to earn money to buy new curtains for the church.
- A stumbling prayer of a Christian praying in public for the first time.
- Comment of a missionary attending Jim's ordination: "It is wonderful to find a church which still believes in the Bible as a basis for the ministry."
- "I read your tract and did what it said. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour." (Statement made by a veteran retired from the service by age and an accident.)—*Mrs. June Dickson, Puerto Rico*

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

Africa—

Mrs. Pierre-Andre Waridel June 6
Av. de la Rosiaz 11, Lausanne, Suisse (Switzerland)

Mr. Pierre-Andre Waridel June 7
Av. de la Rosiaz 11, Lausanne, Suisse (Switzerland)

Mrs. Marvin L. Goodman, Jr. June 12
B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Martin M. Garber June 14
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Roy B. Snyder June 15
B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Marie Mishler June 19
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Lester W. Kennedy June 30
B. P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

David Miller June 12, 1966
Circunscripcion 4, Seccion 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina, S. A.

Brazil—

Phillip Hodgdon June 11, 1956
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Beverly Hodgdon June 26, 1961
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

France—

Rev. Thomas T. Julien June 27
Chateau de St. Albain, 71-Fleurville, France

In the United States—

Mrs. Rose Foster June 9
105 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Jill Dickson June 17, 1965
580 Harter Ave., Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Mrs. Harold A. Mason June 26
159 Orchard Dr., Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103

Mrs. G. James Dickson June 27
580 Harter Ave., Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Two Missionaries Tell . . .

SMM In My Life

Why am I in Puerto Rico? Because God opened the door of missionary service to us here.

Where did I learn of missions? First, at home where all our missionaries were most welcome guests. Second, at church where I made it a point to meet and talk with every missionary who came. Third, and I believe the most influential in my life, was in SMM.

In our monthly meetings in SMM, I was challenged by our missionary program. It was fun to roll those "umpteen" bandages and pray that each bandage might heal a wound just as God could heal a sin-sick soul.

After participating as a member, I was elected to a local office. This enabled me to learn the duties and responsibilities involved in SMM along with helping to complete our missionary projects.



Elaine Brenneman

At one national conference the Lord gave me a mission field; it was that of being a national SMM officer. (Many a missionary lady today was once a national SMM officer!) One of my privileges was to teach SMM in our district summer camps. Really, I couldn't teach SMM without teaching missions. For SMM is first a missionary organization for girls in our Brethren church. This in itself was preparing me for the future. I knew every missionary, their field, and learned of the problems and work of the fields.

But did I personally want to become a vital part of missions? Did I want to *go*?

To this question my answer was "yes." For outside of my wonderful parents, our Brethren missionaries opened my eyes to service for Christ. Even when I was a wee little girl I prayed and was concerned for our "missionaries in the *corn* fields," for "foreign" and "corn" sounded the same to me. But the Lord understood my childish prayer, I'm sure.

As a member of SMM I gave my whole life to Christ for service—either home or foreign. The Lord gave me many wonderful years of serving Him in home missions. Even in seminary I took French and Sango just in case the Lord would send me to Africa. For if I had my "rathers," I told the Lord that I'd rather go to Africa as a missionary. But the Lord had His rathers and here I am in Puerto Rico.

One verse I remember telling many SMM girls in summer camps was: "In whatever state I am, therewith to be content." I'm thankful to the faithful patronesses and missionaries who in SMM helped form my "state of mind" to the thrill of missions and to be content in serving Christ wherever He leads.—*Elaine C. Brenneman*

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. . . What SMM Means to Them

Reality and a Girl's Vision

Brazil is a very large country and contains many cities, towns and villages as well as an expansive jungle. One is fascinated by the extremely green forests, enormous rivers and brilliantly colored flowers and birds, but one may also be fascinated by the people themselves. As you visit the larger populated areas, you find modern design and living combined with the old. Many beautiful homes, large buildings, and new streets will be seen, but more commonly seen would be the crudely constructed homes of mud or wood, and dirt roads which are full of ruts and big holes. In addition to this, many Brazilians live away from the towns and eke out an existence from their land and from what they can gather from the surrounding jungle and rivers. The majority of Brazilians are poor and needy, and few have the privilege of being properly educated.



Martha Schwartz

We as Christian missionaries feel sorry that these people lack some of the conveniences and provisions which most of us as Americans have and take for granted, but above this we experience deep concern for the desperate spiritual condition which exists. The name of Christ is familiar to Brazilian ears, because most of them have been reared in the Catholic church and have blindly followed its teachings, but few of them know the joys of salvation. We hold the message which could free them from their sin, and we have the longing to share it with them. We praise God for those who have genuinely been reached for Christ and who are endeavoring to walk in His ways.

When one is on foreign soil, it is easy to see the needs of the people in that land; but it is harder to understand their needs when we are in our comfortable homes and churches in the United States. I want to take this opportunity to be thankful for the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha which was an important means of making me realize that there are also people in other lands who have not heard of salvation by grace and that Christ has commanded us to take the Gospel to them. I was a member of SMM from the time I was nine years old until I went away to college. In our SMM group we heard much about the mission fields and of the missionaries serving there, and we learned to pray for them. It was during those years that I dedicated my life to be a missionary if the Lord would continue to lead that way.

The Brethren Church in Brazil also has several SMM groups, and I trust that girls there will also give their lives to Christ for service in their land as well as perhaps going forth as foreign missionaries.—*Martha Schwartz*

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In deepest agony, by God forsaken
In shame and woe the Lord of Glory died,
And hanging there, His body bruised and broken,
He paid my debt and I am justified.

How could it ever be that He would love me,
Enough to bear that awful agony?
A sinner, vile, unworthy of His mercy,
Yet Jesus died on Calvary for me.

My tongue could never tell how much I owe Him,
Because of all He did for me that day:
Tho I should try through age on age eternal,
I could not count the price He had to pay.

He did it all for me! O grace divine;
Forever more I'm His and He is mine,
Because of Calvary I live in Him,
O praise His name, He did it all for me.*

He Did It All for Me

These are the words of a beautiful song written by Norman Clayton. They verify the fact that "he is faithful that promised." The most amazing magic of all time is embodied in the words: "Because of Calvary I live in Him." How can this be?

Every time I think of what He did for me, I am so thrilled that I could burst (literally)! I remember that "in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). He gave us life. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7). "For in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (I John 1:1-4). Yes, Jesus is God in the flesh. It is He who gave us life from the beginning and planned our salvation.

Not only did He plan our salvation, but He also carried it out faithfully. He shed His blood on the cross of Calvary in order that you and I might have salvation in Him. He died and arose from the grave, a victor over death. He went back to heaven; but just before He left, He said, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26).

This is the magic of the Holy Spirit! Jesus said, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not; neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth *with* you, and shall be *in* you" (John 14:16-17).

He guides me daily as I walk God's way. He is my unseen friend, my very own personal friend.

As the impact of this wonder of wonders, the great Triune God, hits me full force, I tremble as I realize what could be done with a single yielded life. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are an unbeatable trio! Praise His name; He did it all for me! ▼

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School in Africa

By Berta Dunning

Everyone has memories—happy ones and sad ones. My African-made memories are all happy. I can't think of one incident imprinted upon my mind that doesn't bring a smile to my face. I have not only had the added advantage of living in a foreign land, and the traveling this requires, but I have not missed any of the important experiences of living in the U.S.A. either.

My parents were on the field in the C.A.R. when I was born on May 11, 1949, at the mission station of Yaloke. I first saw the Statue of Liberty when I was about one and a half years old, so I really don't remember too much about my first contact with that great lady and the country she guards.

We returned back to Africa when I was about three, and I spent the years before I started school running my parents ragged, as all mischievous preschool children do. Believe me, I got my share of the strap! I not only learned to speak English, but I also learned my second language, Sango, along with it.

When it was time for my folks to take another furlough, the years had rolled around, and I was six years of age. I could not begin school in Africa! I attended the Brethren Elementary School in Long Beach, California, for the first grade and half of the second grade before we returned home to Africa. There I was quickly introduced to all my classmates, ranging from the little first graders to those giant eighth graders. The next phase of my "academic" education took place in the Missionary Children's School located at "B.I." (the station where the Bible Institute for training native pastors was located). My folks were also living there while

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The Classrooms of My Life

By Becky Schrock

"Study to show thyself approved unto God" (II Tim. 2:15).

As a missionary's kid, who had the privilege of being on a foreign field for sixteen years, I had a very different type of education than most children.

When I was old enough to start to school, the government in Argentina was taking over the educational system. Peron, who was the president at that time, had instructed teachers to put into the minds of the children that he and his wife, Eva, were equal to God or Mary. Under these circumstances my parents did not send my brother, Norman, and me to school with the Argentine children. Instead, they taught us through the Calber correspondence school, and therefore my first teacher was my mother. Later, another missionary lady, Bertha Abel, helped by teaching mathematics. Miss Abel did the bookkeeping for the missionaries at that time.

(SMM editor's note: The Brethren Foreign Missionary Society gives scholarships each year to the children of Brethren missionaries. The SMM has taken as one of its projects the responsibility of this scholarship for three specific missionaries' daughters.

Berta Dunning and Becky Schrock are two of the girls who have been chosen this year. They are both attending Grace College. Sharon Haag, who is attending Biola College, is the other recipient.)

I will explain briefly what correspondence courses are like. On the primary level the books which are used are exactly the same as those used in regular schools. The teacher's book has a schedule to follow for each day. The subjects are the same as those which regular schools have in their curriculum: English, spelling, math, geography, history, and so on. Pencils, crayons, paper, and any other needed material accompany the books received. A common question concerning correspondence courses is, "How are tests given and graded?" In my case, my mother administered the tests, which she received with the teacher's book, and then graded them. However, the test papers may be sent to the school to be graded.

In 1957 we came to the States on furlough, and my brother and I went to school with other children for the first time in our lives. This was really an experience for us. The first day of school was one which I will never forget, for several embarrassing things happened to me. For example, the first thing I did was to go to the wrong homeroom! When the attendance was taken and my name wasn't called, I had to leave and find the homeroom which I was supposed to be in. It was really hard for the first few days, because I couldn't speak English too well—just a mixture of Spanish and English. I felt like such an "oddball." But by the end of the school

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teaching at the Bible Institute. Since the dormitory for the boarding kids whose parents were at other stations was not built yet, we added five or six girls to our family, while other families made room for the other students. It was jolly having all those new sisters besides my own two older ones, Ruthie and Verna. Three of us girls, Nancy (Hill) Gilbert, Monya Samarin, and I were the same age, so we were always together. We even earned the nickname "human beans." Nancy was the butter bean; I, the string bean; and Monya was the Mexican jumping bean (she was always upsetting her milk at the table).

My education in Africa was by no means limited. Maybe I didn't have a television or radio, but I had the great outdoors with beautiful weather all year 'round, and lots of good books. And maybe I didn't have extensive libraries at my disposal, but for the age I was and the need I had for outside sources, the little library we had on the station was more than sufficient.

In the first grade I learned all the things most first graders learn; readin', 'ritin', and 'rithmetic. So when we returned to the field, I continued to build upon that, but in different surroundings. Instead of being taught by a second-grade teacher in a room oriented to the interests of second graders, and having around thirty classmates who were all learning the same things I was, in Africa I had around the same number of classmates, but they ranged from the age of six to thirteen, and were in grades one through eight. Miss Ruth Kent, our teacher, taught all the grades, and she taught us all in the same room. In my grade there were five other kids: Steve Mason, Nancy (Hill) Gilbert, Monya Samarin, and Jim Beaver.

Every morning our classes began at 7:45 and continued until around noon or 1:00 p.m. when we would have lunch which was *always* followed by a "siesta." The first few minutes of the morning were spent in devotions. We would all sing, and then Miss Kent would teach us from God's Word. One of our projects

"My African-made memories are all happy. . . . My education in Africa was by no means limited"

was memorizing several of the Psalms which we did as an entire student body. Some of them I have never forgotten completely, thanks to Miss Kent's patient drilling. We memorized the 23rd Psalm, of course, the 103rd, 1st, 7th, 19th, 24th, 27th, 32nd, 34th, 37th, 40th, and portions of the 119th, just to name a few. This portion of our education was unique. I doubt if I would have had this sort of thing in America—even in a Christian school. There seems to be too much to do in class to memorize long portions of Scripture.

Life in Africa is taken at a much slower pace than life in America, so naturally the educational aspect would be slower also. We hardly ever had homework to do, since all our work was done in class. While Miss Kent was working with another grade, Nancy, Steve, Jim, Monya and I would either all gather around one desk, or work alone (with much whispered collaboration) on the assigned pages in the text or workbook. Actually, we worked more or less at our own speed after explanation had been given by Miss Kent. If one of us had trouble understanding, the rest would explain it in "laymen" terms until the slower one understood; *then* we would go on.

One subject I will always be glad I had was phonics. I can remember Miss Kent teaching me the various rules in the second and third grades. I think I can safely attribute to that background the fact that I have never had much trouble with spelling.

Our science classes were somewhat like the science classes in the U.S.A., but there were some big differences. Even though we lacked some of the finer equipment for lab work, our field trips were probably a little more exciting than those the kids in schools here have. We had a more natural wildlife to study, because the majority of the country is still wild. Our specimens were usually more of the tropical species since that kind were more in abundance.

After the fourth grade was reached, we came back to school for an hour from two to three o'clock in the afternoon to study history. The little kids from kindergarten to third grade were not included in this, because they did not have history as part of their curriculum.

Recess was an important time for us in Africa, as it is here. We had two or three of them during the morning at which time we would play games and have fun running about. Sometimes we girls would bring our dolls with all their paraphernalia and play with them, or else we would join the boys in their games. After a hurricane, we would have several fallen trees on which to play. Before the leaves fell off, we would have little shelters in which to play house; and then when the leaves were all dried up and had fallen off, we still had nature's "jungle gyms" in which to climb.

When I was halfway through the sixth grade, it was time for my folks to return home on furlough, so I returned to the Brethren Elementary School in Long Beach. After graduation from the sixth grade, I went to the Brethren Junior High and High School to complete my secondary education. I was glad for the opportunity to attend this institution, not only because it gave me some more background in God's Word, but also because I had the opportunity to further my education in Christian surroundings. Aside from my academic activities, I had the added enjoyment of singing in musical groups all four years of high school. This meant a great deal, because it gave me the experience of being in front of people which I would have otherwise lacked. My two years singing in the Brethren High Ninette are without a

doubt the highlight of my high-school years.

Now I am at Grace. It's been a long trek, and I'm not through learning what I need to learn yet. The Lord worked in marvelous ways to bring me here and keep me here, and I will never cease to thank Him for His provision.

Right now I am simply taking a normal load of freshman subjects, such as General Biology, World History, and O. T. Survey (to name a few), and I am also working as secretary to the French teacher, Mrs. Toirac. The Lord was wonderful to give me this job, for not only does it give me the income I need, but also it keeps me around the French language until I can fit it into my schedule.

The Lord has blessed me with a complete Christian education, something for which I will never cease to thank Him. Some will say I am a "hot-house" Christian, but I feel that if a child and then a teen-ager has a Christ-centered education, he will have a much more effective life when he is older. Maybe he won't have all the opposition in a Christian school that he would have in a public institution, but, from experience I can say that Satan doesn't stop working on Christian campuses, and the students aren't immune to his wiles, either. It is sometimes harder for one to keep a testimony there and easier to let down his guard.

My education has been varied and in different surroundings, for which I thank God. I doubt if the future will be so varied, but I know it will never be monotonous, for the Lord always has something wonderful in store for His children; and if we follow His leading, He will "bring it to pass."

This next summer my folks are returning to the C.A.R. for their fifth term there. Although it is hard to see them go, and I will miss them very much, I am so thankful that God gave me parents who love Him so much that they are willing to do His bidding, even when it means leaving all their children behind. I am so proud and thankful that God has chosen me to be a Dunning and an MK. It's a wonderful background to have, and a wonderful foundation on which to build. ▼

APRIL IS BIRTHDAY MONTH!

Get your SMM offerings in to help out in the cost of higher education for our missionary children.

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year I was well "in the groove" and was more like the other children.

Just when I was well-adjusted to going to school and studying with others, it was time to go back to Argentina and begin studying alone again. It was hard to adjust, because I had found studying with others to be easier (and also more fun).

After finishing grade school, I went on to high school. Since I was too old to go to the Spanish school, I continued with correspondence courses. I took the American School course, because the Calvert school didn't have a high school course then. On the high school level you teach yourself instead of having someone else teach you. But, when I needed to, I asked my parents for help. This type of correspondence course is the same as the primary level except that there are electives from which to choose. I took the business course which included typing, shorthand, and so on. I found this to be very interesting, and I really enjoyed studying.

My schedule began at 8:30 a.m. each weekday, and I would spent approximately six and a half hours on my schoolwork. I took a "recess" when the mailman came, and at noontime I helped with the dishes before beginning to study again. I was usually finished by 4:30 in the afternoon.

In 1964 Norman and I came to the States by ourselves. This time we went to a public school to finish our twelfth grade. Most seniors are ready to leave school when they graduate, but not I. To me everything was new, and I would have rather stayed in school.

After graduation I applied at a college, but the Lord closed that door. Then I applied at Grace and was accepted. Since I had studied alone most of my life, there was no competition involved. I have found that going to school with other students brings forth the competitive side of learning. But there are certain advantages to correspondence courses: namely, one learns self-discipline and learns to do things alone. Here at Grace I have learned to get along with others, to become more dependent on the Lord, and to really love the kids who compose the college.

Although I am majoring in elementary education, I feel that the Lord is directing me to go into business instead of teaching. As I look back over my years at Grace, I can see why He planned for me to be here. I have had this time to find myself, and to grow in Him.

As for the years ahead, "I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." ▼

Northern Ohio . . .

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by the passing of our president's husband, Earle Cole.

A severe spell of January weather slackened to permit us to hold our rally in Rittman. Rev. Raymond Thompson came to represent the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society and to tell us of the great urgency in foreign missions today. He brought with him two of our beloved, retired missionaries, Elizabeth Tyson and Grace Byron. Our project offering went for doors for the Grace Seminary building.

After our next rally which will be our district conference in Elyria, we shall become two districts, Northeastern and North Central Ohio. It will be a time of mingled tears and rejoicing—tears for friends we shall now see very rarely, but rejoicing because our district has grown so much that division is necessary. May our Lord bless both of our new districts.—*Lucile Smith* ▼



Chapel at Da Nang

(Editor's note: Shortly after Chaplain Dale Brock took part in the chapel dedication, the "TET" offensive was launched by the Viet Cong against Da Nang. In this article he presents the "history" of the chapel.)

The chapel at First Tank Battalion was originally at ASP-1 and was used only occasionally. When ASP-1 was dismantling their buildings and moving to a new location, the First Tank Battalion chaplain put in his bid for the building. After much discussion and questioning, the building was moved by low-boy trailer to the First Tank Battalion the last part of December, 1967. Looking at the building just after its move, one would have thought it was an extraction from the proverbial "Shantytown." But after a great deal of hard work and patching, the building took on its present appearance: namely, a chapel. There was a "makeshift" steeple on the roof which came off, and a modern looking "pole" cross was erected in its place.

The first service conducted in the new chapel was on the first Sunday of 1968, the seventh day of January. Of course, it was not completely finished at that time. The chaplain, LCDR J. D. Brock, had received a letter which said that Rev. Clyde Landrum, Endorsing Agent for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, of which Chaplain Brock is an ordained minister, would be in Da Nang on January 16 and 17. With paneling on the inside and painting on the outside, the chapel was ready by January 17 for the dedication service with Mr. Landrum bringing the dedicatory message.

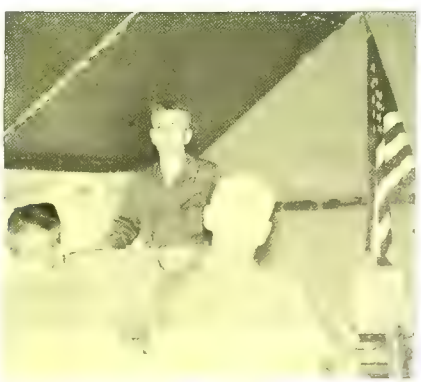
Other dignitaries present were Maj. Gen. Donn Robertson, USMC, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division; Lt. Col. V. J. Gentile, USMC, Commanding Officer, 1st Tank Battalion; Captain Ralph Below, USN, III MAF Chaplain; Captain John Keeley, USN, 1st Division Chaplain; Captain Cecil Lewis, USA, Chaplain with the 1/44 Artillery Battalion, with whom Chaplain Brock attended Grace Seminary. Also present was Chaplain John Talley, USA, another Brethren chaplain serving in Vietnam.

At the 0830 Dedication Service the First Tank Battalion Chapel was dedicated the Marine Memorial Chapel in memory of the marines who have given their lives for their country in Vietnam.—*LCDR J. D. Brock, USNR Battalion Chaplain*

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Capt. Cecil Lewis (left) and Lt. Cmdr. Dale Brock at Da Nang. Lewis is a member of the GARB and is a graduate of Grace Seminary—class of 1957. He is stationed near the DMZ and is a "circuit rider," moving over a wide area to reach his men.



Clyde Landrum, speaking at the dedication service for the Marine Memorial Chapel at Da Nang.



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Futility

By Rev. Clyde K. Landrum

Futility—just to meditate upon the word produces mental frustration. One of its by-products is discouragement; its end result is failure. Nothing could better picture futility than a ruined tank.

Reflect briefly on the word: f-u-t-i-l-i-t-y. Think of its meaning. It is folly, expressed in the foolishness of the gambler who thinks he will finally win, or in the want of good sense on the part of the motorist who races the train to the crossing, but loses. Futility is hopelessness. Consider the blighted and dashed hope of men fighting the clock to rescue men from danger deep in the earth, only to find their bodies crushed and lifeless, or the fireman who laboriously works his way up the ladder to the fourth floor apartment to discover that suffocation beat him to the mother and her child. Then there's the false and vain desperation of Belshazzar trying to avoid the inevitable doom of the handwriting on the wall, and of the atheist who in life says there is no God, but after death finds that there is.

Futility waits in the wings as false philosophies and religions present their message. Outstanding today is atheistic communism, with its assurances that it will not only usher in a new social order, but will also eradicate the Bible and faith in God. It is doomed to failure; futility characterizes its every move. Reflect on the humanistic philosophy which says that man is self-sufficient and that he can achieve all things apart from God. This is futility personified!

Must we succumb to futility? Is all of life folly and hopelessness? There are attainable goals and some enjoyments for a season. But in the realm of permanent joy and lasting peace, on the human level of self-effort there is only futility. It is stated in Ecclesiastes that under the sun all is vanity and vexation of spirit. But the writer goes on to say, "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." As men are willing to look to the resurrected, living Christ for salvation, there is hope.

Oh that men everywhere would turn from the futility of their own ways and find assurance and peace in Him! ▼

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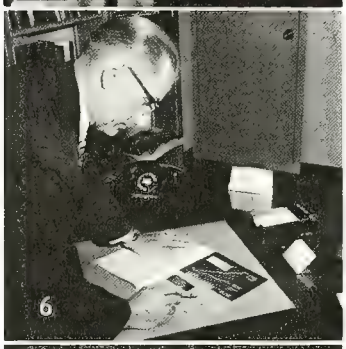
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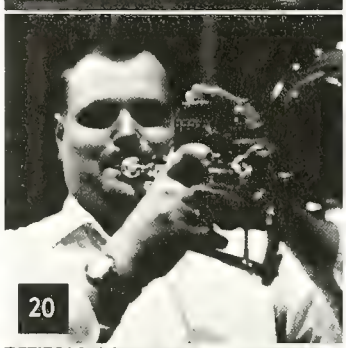


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Three Chaplains



Col. Hughes (left) congratulates Chaplain (Maj.) Lee D. Burris.

On March 6, 1968, Chaplain John D. Talley was awarded the Silver Star by the U. S. Army for gallantry in action. This award, the third highest given in recognition of service rendered in combat, was in recognition of going beyond the call of duty to render service to his men under combat conditions in a battle that was fought at Loc Ninh by the "Big Red One" (1st Infantry Division) on November 7, 1967.

On November 15, 1967, Chaplain Lee D. Burris, U. S. Army, was awarded the Bronze Star at Group Headquarters at Cam Ranh Bay for meritorious service against hostile ground forces.

A similar service was rendered by Chaplain James M. Hutchens while serving with troops in combat on November 8, 1965. He was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" for valor. Also, as a result of being wounded in battle, he was given the Purple Heart award. It is interesting to note that within the period of two years high honors have come to three of our NFBC chaplains.

These men do not ask or expect recognition from men for service that they render for the glory of God. They have their reward in knowing that they have been a witness for Him to these fine young men. Another gratifying thing to them is the fact that they have the deep appreciation of their men. But, we would be amiss if we did not pause to say, "Thank you," to these men. They have been of service to their God, and have reflected honor to the U. S. Army and to the Chaplains Corps. In addition to this, they have brought distinction to their families, who have supported them, and to the denomination which sent them forth.

The chaplains of the Vietnam war are a new breed of chaplain. They have gone out of the chapels into the battlefields to minister to their men in a blazing parish. And they are getting results as they preach the Gospel to their congregation of young men—young men who mature more in one year under such battle conditions than the average young man would mature in many years back home.

The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches can rightly praise God that nine of its twelve military chaplains have seen service in the Vietnam war theater, or are now in that area. We can praise God that these chaplains are there because they are preachers of the Word of God, and want to preach the Gospel to their men in order that they might reach them for Christ. All of our chaplains are serving faithfully and well, whether in the Vietnam theater or in other parts of the world. In this we greatly rejoice! So, as we pay special tribute to Chaplains Talley, Burris, and Hutchens for the high honor that has come to them, we also salute the nine other Brethren chaplains for the fine job they are doing as "Missionaries to the Military." ▼



Chaplain James M. Hutchens wearing the green beret and the uniform of his special forces outfit.

WE SALUTE CHAPLAINS TALLEY, BURRIS AND HUTCHENS



Chaplain John D. Talley (right) with his assistant.



The Necessity of Negro Evangelism

By Robert Dungy

Since his advent to America, the Negro has experienced two levels of social existence which have seriously impaired his spiritual growth. Initially he was a chattel slave, denied all the rights of citizenship. He was stripped of his dignity and considered subhuman. The right to worship God was denied the slaves except under close scrutiny and supervision.

When slavery was abolished, the Negro found himself jerked out of slavery overnight and placed into a freedom for which he was ill-prepared psychologically, educationally, and spiritually. He now became a low caste individual possessing limited rights, forced to endure a ghetto existence. An awareness of these facts will lead us to a greater understanding of the spiritual condition of the American Negro.

Evangelism for the slaves was initially opposed, because it was believed that Negroes could not be saved; therefore, their souls were neglected

until approximately 1700. Under pressure from theologians and educators, the courts declared that conversion to Christianity was not incompatible with the worldly position of a slave. As a result of this decision, Negroes were accepted into some white congregations and given equal privileges.

Following the American Revolution, the Negro was forced to sit in the galleries or back seats of churches. This new situation resulted in the independent church movement by Negroes. They desired to worship in a friendlier atmosphere where they could exercise their own spiritual gifts and develop their own leadership. The Negro church became the primary source of freedom and self-expression. On the plantation the church services were the sole source of psychological release for the slaves. Here they worshipped in an atmosphere of equality and were restored to a measure of the dignity of which they had been stripped.

Although the slavery system has been terminated, the Negro church serves the same purpose to this day. For many Negroes, especially those inhabiting the ghettos, it is the only outlet for self-expression and a sense of worth. The ghetto existence endured by Negroes is most frustrating and depressing. A study ordered last year by the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics entitled "Social and Economic Conditions of Negroes in the United States" reveals some disturbing facts. According to the report, a Negro family's income is only 58% of a white family's. One of three Negro families is classed as poor, and one of seven Negroes is on welfare. More Negroes live in segregated ghettos than ever before. They are twice as likely to be jobless as white people.

The inhabitants of the ghettos are forced to accept substandard education, teaching, and facilities. The average Negro twelfth grader is three years behind the average white twelfth grader.

Slavery and caste, being statuses of frustration for the Negro, offer him little hope in history. Many Negro songs, sermons, and prayers stress life in the world to come when Jesus will make everything right.

Today there are at least thirty-four denominations and sects among Negroes. Worship is generally emotional in essence. Emotionalism tends to be equated with spirituality. Fundamental Negro pastors and churches are looked upon as having the "white man's religion" and, therefore, not being spiritual (meaning, of course, emotional). We realize that emotion plays an important part in the life of the Christian; however, evangelical Negro pastors and churches refuse to compromise the full gospel of Christ for mere emotionalism.

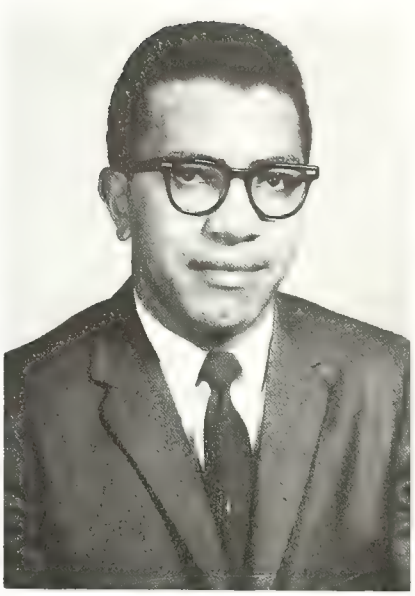
Because of the lack of understanding the importance of Bible school and seminary training, as well as the inability to pay for Bible training, the majority of Negro pastors are ill-prepared for the pastorate. Some are even unsaved! Little spiritual vitality can be expected in the churches because of this.

Many Sunday-school teachers are unsaved and ill-prepared to teach the Bible. Living a separated, dynamic life in Christ is neither taught nor widely practiced.

The Negro can attain to all of the rights to which he is entitled by the constitution and still go straight to hell if he does not know Christ as Lord and Saviour; therefore, Christ must be magnified in Negro life.

The Bible must be an integral part of the life of the Negro. The average Negro's knowledge of the Bible is very shallow. Negroes like to talk about the Bible and argue about its contents; but their talk and arguments are not based on personal study of the Bible, but rather upon their own nebulous opinions. They simply do not read the Scriptures.

A serious deterrent to the spiritual life of the Negro is the attitude of white Christianity in general toward Negroes. The Negro unbeliever sees the inconsistency of white Christendom. He realizes that thousands of dollars are being spent annually to evangelize the Africans while little is being done to evangelize the American Negro. He does not see how one can love the African while not loving the American Negro. He sees that many churches would rather relocate than accept individuals from minority groups into their fellowship. Because of these reasons, he rejects the "white man's religion" and is suspicious of the motives of white denominations which attempt to evangelize him. He contemptuously refers to a Negro Christian who represents the denomination as an "Uncle Tom" or "the white man's puppet," who dances to the tune that the white man plays.



Robert Dungy

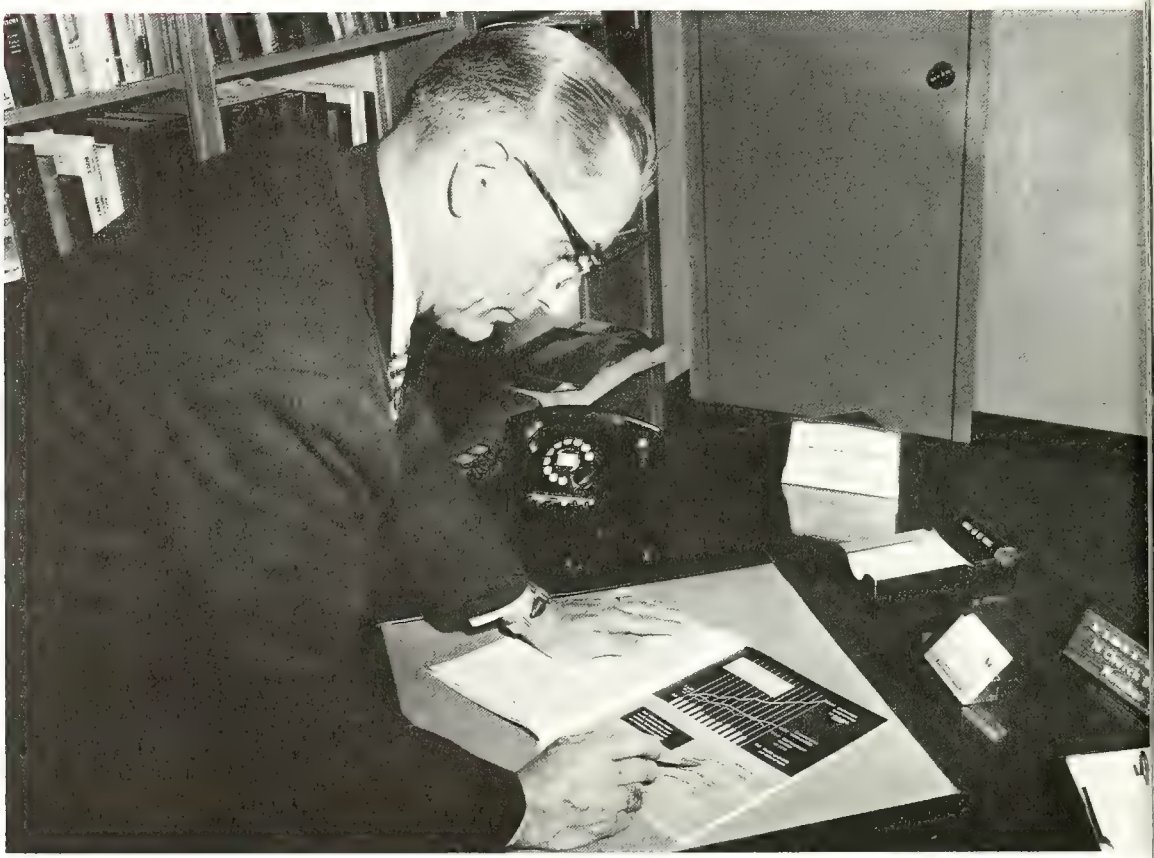
I have been told by many white Christians that they love me "in the Lord," but due to social pressures, it is not expedient to accept me and my people socially. But how can a Christian love someone in Christ and segregate him simultaneously? The love of Christ should affect every area of our lives. We love or we do not. There is no middle ground. It matters not what color a man is, or what his ethnic origin may be; he needs Christ and must not be denied the opportunity to learn of Him.

The Negro Christian must love his white brother in Christ. He has no right to loot, burn, or demonstrate. In the New English Bible, I John 4:20 reads, "But if a man says, 'I love God,' while hating his brother, he is a liar. If he does not love the brother whom he has seen, it cannot be that he loves God whom he has not seen."

Our cities are teeming with Negroes needing to be loved and evangelized. They are clamoring for black power. Please pray and work to the end that God will show them that Christ is the answer to their problems and that the power in the blood of Christ will save them from their sins. ♥

Church Extension in the 20th Century?

An interview with Dr. L. L. Grubb of Orange, California



Q. Dr. Grubb, do you feel that 1968 offers distinct opportunities for Brethren Home Missions?

A. Yes I do, but only if we acquaint ourselves with the changes within our society and plan strategically.

Q. Then you would agree with those who say that church extension in America is undergoing a transition?

A. Surely. With new and wonderful advances being made in medicine, science, communications, transportation, and so on, it would be tragic if we had no change and development within our outreach program within The Brethren Church.

Q. Are Brethren families aware of this transition?

A. I'm sure they are aware of the changing world about them, but perhaps they have not related the advances to the area of church extension.

Q. What one factor, more than any other, demands a new *modus operandi* in home missions?

A. The great shift in population from rural communities to urban and suburban America. Presently there is about 65 to 70 percent of our population concentrated within the great metropolitan centers of America.

Q. Why is this "transient America" such an important issue in church development?

A. As I have talked with Brethren pastors—and judging from my own experience in the ministry—I find it difficult to win souls rapidly enough to replace those who leave and move to another area where often there is no Brethren church. The only effective way to conserve our Brethren constituency is to establish new churches in strategic areas across America.

Q. What other conditions do you see as contributing factors in a missions metamorphosis in the United States?

A. Minority or the ethnic groups are constantly increasing in population and consequently will be subject to greater emphasis. Those who are on the front lines of church extension also find that the increasing red tape and codes, and regulations and demands by cities and county governments definitely impede the progress of church extension. Both of these factors will become more important as time goes by.

Q. Can you tell us what you believe to be the most essential ingredient in the development of a new Brethren church?

A. Personnel! Both pastor and laymen are essential.

Q. Would you comment on how we can increase the available missionary pioneers for church development?

A. It has been a dream of mine that in each metropolitan area there would be some Brethren families who would dedicate themselves with the approval and assistance of their pastors to form a "pool" of leadership and personnel to move into a certain area under the leadership of a home-mission pastor and start a new church. We must also increase our emphasis on youth in order to encourage a greater number of missionary candidates.

Q. What is your feeling as to the responsibility of the local congregation in the total program of home missions in America today?

A. I have developed a "rule of thumb." When an established congregation has reached a membership of 200, and perhaps even before this, it should be searching for an opportunity to start a branch Brethren church.

Q. Do you think that a Brethren family moving to another city in which there is no Brethren church is justified in attending and joining a church of another denomination?

A. First, I have always encouraged Brethren people who move into a community with no Brethren church to immediately become associated with an evangelical church and keep busy for Christ. Second, I have encouraged them to pray for a Brethren church in that community. Third, I have strongly encouraged them to open their home for a Bible class with the purpose of starting a Brethren church. Fourth, if a Brethren pastor moves in to start a Brethren church, I think he has a right to go to the family with previous Brethren connections and suggest that they come and assist in establishing the new church.

Q. Having been on the field in Orange County now as a home-mission pastor for several months, what has been your greatest obstacle in developing this new work?

A. The exorbitant cost of property. For instance, suitable sites for a church in Orange County range in price from $30,000 to $100,000 an acre. Our own site was finally acquired for $55,000.

Q. Do you think that this difficulty is confined to Orange County, California?

A. No! This same appreciation and inflation in the cost of property will be found in varying degrees in every metropolitan area in the United States. This is an economic fact.

Q. What idea do you have as to how The Brethren Church could overcome this exorbitant cost of property?

A. One long-range idea is to establish a special department, perhaps within the Brethren Investment Foundation, for the express purpose of locating and purchasing prospective sites. Details for such a program would need some careful planning, but it could be most effective. This very program is now being used by a number of religious bodies as well as business organizations in America. An immediate solution would be a greater involvement of Brethren people in the Brethren "Minute-Man" program. This was designed to supply a large sum to a new church over and above the regular commitment on behalf of the Brethren Home Missions Council.

Q. Are you in favor of all church extension being under the direction of the Brethren Home Missions Council?

A. No, I am not. I believe that the resources for the establishment of new churches in the metropolitan areas must come from three points: the national organization, the district mission board, and the local church in the vicinity of a new church.

Q. You believe, then, that the district mission board should become more involved in the church extension program.

A. Yes indeed! The council and the district mission board should work intimately on all projects. This is a very practical possibility. A number of years ago, in fact in 1964, we sent out a questionnaire to all Brethren pastors with a suggested working agreement between the national Brethren Home Missions Council and each district mission board. All the details of this plan were clearly spelled out. There was no reason why such a plan or a modified one similar to it could not be used, and it really must come to this if we are going to use our maximum potential for church extension through Brethren resources in the future.

Q. Do you believe that the recent controversy in The Brethren Church on the matter of church membership as it relates to baptism has been a retardant in our home-missions program?

A. I think there is a real and a practical sense in which this has retarded our home-missions program in certain areas where this doctrinal position has been taken.

Q. Do you have any suggestions or recommendations?

A. Not particularly. Although I might suggest that the local churches and districts be sympathetic with the home missions council since they are responsible to the entire church. In areas where this matter becomes an impeding force, the Brethren Home Missions Council and the district should discuss ways and means of resolving the matter. I'm pleased to note that this has been done in some areas. *(Continued on page 8)*

"It would be tragic if we had no change and development within our outreach program..."

"The opportunities to start new churches are...fantastic."

Q. Do false religions affect the church extension program?

A. Recently we made approximately 700 calls in the vicinity of the YWCA in Santa Ana, California. In the process of making these calls we found just about every type of religion which is existing in America today. Most of these religionists wouldn't even talk to us, and very few would allow us inside their homes. False religions generally have plenty of money to move into a community and pay almost any price for their property and construct a beautiful church building immediately so that they may appeal to the sophisticated community. Usually our churches must wait until others have entered the community.

Q. Much is being said today in the area of civil rights. Do you feel that The Brethren Church has an adequate program for reaching the Negro for Christ?

A. No. There are approximately 21,000,000 Negroes in the United States today, and we have one Negro church. This is tragic. It should startle us to realize that we are ignoring one tenth of the entire American population in our witnessing program. In Los Angeles County we are told that by 1970 our population will be at least 50 percent Negro. By 1970 The Brethren Church in Los Angeles County is going to find itself in a situation where it will have only half the county population for evangelization, unless we do something for the Negro.

Q. How do you suggest that the home missions council could more directly involve itself in this issue?

A. There are some Christian Negro organizations in America which will give help to any evangelical church desiring to evangelize the Negro. However, it seems that the churches in areas where there is a density of Negro population could do this best by establishing a church which Negroes could attend.

Q. Do you feel at this point that the Brethren Home Missions Council should involve itself in any conservative Negro works outside of the framework of The Brethren Church?

A. I think we should be primarily concerned with establishing our own churches. However, it is possible that on the right basis we could support Negro evangelical works outside the church and thus encourage Negro young men to come with us as pastors to establish our own churches.

Q. What do you think of the present promotional calendar of The Brethren Church?

A. If you are referring to the traditional seasons appeal, special times such as Thanksgiving and Easter may be used effectively. However, I am opposed to rigidly limiting our giving to a calendar basis. As a pastor I am not one who feels there are too many financial appeals. As you might suppose, I feel that the Brethren Home Mis-

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sions Council has done a fine job producing calendars, posters, letters and promotional material which are in good taste and in keeping with the high quality desired by our Brethren pastors.

Q. How do you account for the fact that so few of our Brethren people across America are life members of the Brethren Home Missions Council and other national corporations?

A. It is very possible that many of them do not have sufficient information to know that giving $100 or more to Brethren Home Missions could make them life members. Others may not be able to give this much. Such people should remember that the week-by-week offerings may total $100 in a year much easier than giving this as a lump sum.

Q. Can you envision a time when the Brethren Home Missions Council will have a budget of $1,000,000?

A. Yes indeed. In fact it is tantamount to survival. Right now the opportunities to start new churches are so fantastic that this amount could immediately be put to work. Personnel would be necessary to do this, and we have already appealed for this personnel.

Q. How do you feel about the use and distribution of the Brethren Home Mission dollar?

A. The Directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council are men of faith and wisdom. It is my conviction that they do the very best they can in the distribution of the money. The Brethren Home Missions Board deserves the confidence of each Brethren pastor and all the members of our churches.

Q. As things look right now, can you foresee that church extension in America is going to grow any easier?

A. The answer is an emphatic no! First, we can expect opposition from the world, the flesh and the devil to increase. Second, inflation will be a strong deterrent in church extension. Third, the apathy of Christian people in general toward the extension of the church is becoming greater. It appears that there are few pioneers left. ▼

A couple of stories without real conclusions.

Incidental?

By Isobel Fraser

The Christmas season in most Christian circles affords special opportunities to proclaim Christ. This is also true in our ministry to the Jewish people. Let me tell you of a few events that were incidental to our regular services.

"Mazel tov (Good luck), Mr. and Mrs. George Bender, on your fiftieth wedding anniversary." This event took place on December 23. Although we were unable to be with them on that day, we shared the joy of their golden wedding anniversary on several other occasions. Oneg Shabbat was another celebration hosted by their daughter and her husband at a Friday night synagogue service, December 15. The Oneg Shabbat is a time of refreshment and fellowship after the evening worship service. Rev. Button and I attended, both as friends and also representatives of the Mission.

We, of course, were also present for the syna-

gogue service. It was quite an interesting experience, for it was family night. This meant that the service was conducted by the young people who were attending Hebrew school at the synagogue. They led the congregation in the ritual found in the siddur (prayer book) in both Hebrew and English. The Benders' grandson, Cory, was the first to read a portion in Hebrew. You can imagine how proud the grandparents were. During the service the Benders were called to the platform by the rabbi to be congratulated and to have a berocheh (blessing or prayer) offered in their behalf.

Aside from sharing the joy of the occasion with our friends, two incidents stand out. As we followed the service in the siddur, Mr. Bender pointed out a particular passage to me. I tried to remember the page number so that I could find it again in our copy. If it was not the following portion, it was a similar one:

"Our God and God of our fathers, may our remembrance and the remembrance of our forefathers come before Thee. Remember the Messiah of the house of David, Thy servant, and Jerusalem, Thy holy city, and all Thy people, the house of Israel."

Then in the car as we took the Benders home, Mr. Bender asked Rev. Button a question regarding the Book of Isaiah. It dealt with the current claim that more than one person wrote the Book of Isaiah. He had asked me the same question the day before. Our answers concurred as he was told that this was man's attempt to remove the supernatural element of prophecy from this precious book.

The following Tuesday our Christmas affair for our monthly ladies luncheon-discussion meeting was held. Mrs. Bender is a member of this group. To honor her golden anniversary, the group presented to her a box of handkerchiefs. At this time I had a word of prayer for her and her husband.

This couple attends our Wednesday Bible class occasionally. They usually always attend our Christmas-Hanukkah party. This year our attendance at the Oneg Shabbat influenced their decision to come. We honored them at this time, too; we presented *both* of them with *purple hearts*. The Moody science film "Signposts Aloft" was shown. The Benders were impressed by it. On the way home in the car, I had additional opportunity to make an application, especially to Mr. Bender.

Are you unobservant? I must confess this is a fault of mine—but not of mine alone. A group of Jewish friends were in my home one evening before Christmas. As we played Password, one friend commented on the "new" picture hanging in the living room. She is in my home at least once a month, and the picture had hung there for several months; but she had never noticed it before. An explanation of the picture opened the door to a short discussion on the Resurrection. The picture, you see, was "On the Road to Emmaus." Personally, I do not care for pictures of the Lord Jesus. Also, because of Jewish attitudes, it is not usually advisable to display one. In this scene, however, the figure representing the Lord is small and not too distinct. The scene is very beautiful, and it has provided several openings to present a testimony for the Lord.

The following week a group again met in my apartment. By then some Hanukkah decorations had been added to those for Christmas. At our refreshment time, the Hanukkah candles were lighted to commemorate the fourth night. They questioned the additional candle that I had added to the menorah (candlestick). This was in memory and thanksgiving for the "miracle" of June 5, 1967, Israel's occupancy of Jerusalem and victory over the Arab states. This I had learned from a neighbor who is a Sephardic (of Spanish background through the dispersion) Jewess. At the lighting of the candles, several repeated the Hanukkah berocheh (blessing). Then I led in prayer for Israel and peace—peace through Israel's Messiah.

Incidentals? Yes, but may the Lord God make them pertinent in the salvation of precious souls. ▼

Two Dedications Scheduled

Two dedication services are being scheduled for the month of April. The Grace Brethren Church, Beaverton, Oregon, has chosen the date of April 21 for dedication of their new building addition.

The following week on April 28 the Grace Brethren Church, Kent, Washington, is planning to dedicate its new building.

These two building projects were completed under the supervision of two Brethren laymen; Mr. Lester Keyser directed the Kent building program, and Mr. Robert Baer, the Beaverton project.

Home Mission Workshops Well Received

"Preach the Word" was the theme of this year's home-mission workshops. The La Loma Grace Brethren Church of Modesto, California, and the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio, were hosts to the pastors, providing excellent facilities for the sessions, the meals, and the night lodging. Locally appointed committees treated the pastors and their wives in a splendid Christian manner.

The entire workshop curriculum was designed to give the pastors the best instruction along practical lines of the pastoral needs. Subjects of major current interest were presented: for example, "The Pastor and Denominational Loyalty," "Pastoral Recruitment," "Missions," "Legal Procedures," "The Bible and Tongues," "Emergency Medical Procedures," "Juvenile Problems," "Use of Modern Translations," "The Pastor's Personal Budget," "Church Promotion," "Christian Education and Youth Work," "Preparation for Revival," "Grammatical Background to Trine Immersion," and "Personal Responsibility in Soul-Winning." The workshops were under the direction of Rev. Lester E. Pifer and Rev. Robert Thompson. Bible teachers were Rev. Sumner Wemp from Moody Bible Institute and Dr. Herbert Noe from Midwest Baptist College, Pontiac, Michigan.

The pastors were challenged and inspired to lay greater emphasis upon a practical soul-winning visitation ministry. The instruction on practical themes was timely and helpful. The opportunity to fellowship and to share together in working out mutual problems on the local home-mission church level was of tremendous value. In the words of our missionary, "I went to the workshop a burdened man. I returned a new man, thrilled at the prospects of serving my Lord in the home-mission pastorate." ▼

Challenge and instruction . . . in Modesto



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Brethren Evangelistic Team Scheduled for Latin-American Swing

The Board of Evangelism will send a crusade team to Brazil this summer, according to Rev. Bill Smith, director. The following questions and answers are provided to encourage Brethren to pray for those who are involved in this endeavor:

Q. Why are they going?

A. Missionaries in Brazil have requested that the Board of Evangelism send an evangelistic team to conduct special soul-winning meetings. Edward D. Miller, missionary to Brazil, is setting up the schedule for the special meetings, and is serving as contact man in Brazil. The Board of Evangelism is working closely with the foreign missions board in the planning of this trip.

Q. What will they do there?

A. The main thrust of this venture will be to conduct evangelistic crusade meetings in five locations. Involved in this mission will be literature distribution, personal work, special helps to Christians on soul-winning, and encouragement for and fellowship with Brethren missionaries.

Q. Who will be going?

A. Scott Weaver will be the evangelist. Mr. Weaver has had a great deal of experience in overseas evangelism, and he was used by the Lord in a mighty way when he held crusade meetings in Africa.

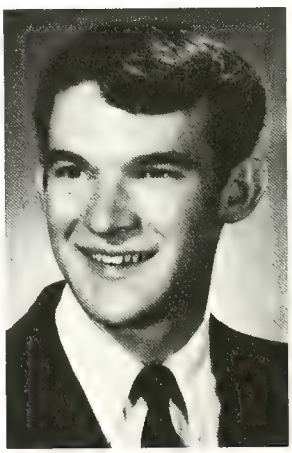
Jim Shipley, a senior at Grace College, will aid the team through personal soul-winning and his winsome personality, and by providing music with his trumpet.

Terry Davenport, a sophomore at Grace College, adds his ability to the team with his trombone and chalk-art ministry. He, too, will assist in literature distribution and personal work.

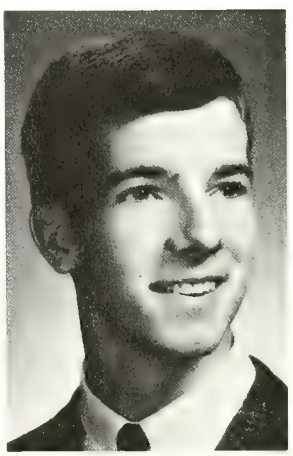
Both of these college men are attempting to raise their own support for the trip (about $550). If you would be interested in contributing to their support for this trip, mark your gift "Brazil Trip Fund" and send it (before June 10) to The Board of Evangelism, Box 355, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. ▼



Scott Weaver



Jim Shipley



Terry Davenport

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord that in these days, when many missionary organizations have too few candidates, God is still laying missionary service on the hearts of many Brethren young people.

PRAY for our retired missionaries. Pray that God will supply their needs, especially in the realm of physical health, and that He will continue to use them as a blessing to others.

PRAY for those who will soon be returning to Africa after spending some years in the U.S.—Gail Jones and the Harold Dunnings—as well as the George Peters' family who will be going out for their first term.

PRAY for the direction of the Lord as the FMS looks toward entering the field of Germany sometime next year.

PRAY for the new Christians in our various fields, that they may remain steadfast in their faith in spite of the allurements which would pull them back into their old life.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the good offerings received by the Board of Evangelism as a result of laymen's Evangelism Sunday emphasis.

PRAY for the planning of national conference laymen's sessions. Pray that men may be challenged and inspired by the speakers.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord for the dedication of a new building at Kent, Washington, the dedication of an annex at Beaverton, Oregon, the completion of a new building at New Holland, Pennsylvania, and two new home-mission churches under construction at Maitland, Florida, and Lexington, Ohio.

PRAY for a replacement for Bill Stevens at Taos, New Mexico. Pray for Brother Stevens as he will be taking up the Gardena, California, work about June 1, 1968.

PRAY for the ministry of Robert Dungy, a student pastor, at Fremont (Ohio) Chapel as he gives full time to the ministry during the summer months.

PRAY for a number of home-mission churches which are searching for and considering the purchase of church locations.

PRAY for a number of home-mission churches which have already set goals to go self-supporting by January 1, 1969. Pray that nothing will hinder reaching these goals.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for His continuous blessings upon the work and ministry of the Board of Evangelism.

PRAY that God will have His way in the selection of a new evangelist to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Rev. James Custer.

PRAY for the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Scott Weaver as they conduct crusades in Washington, D. C.; Singer Hill, Pennsylvania; and York, Pennsylvania.

PRAY for the crusade meetings to be conducted in Brazil, June 23-Aug. 4, 1968.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY for the young men and women who will be serving in the "TIME" program on many mission fields this summer—both home and foreign.

PRAY for God's blessing upon all our district youth camps. Pray that sufficient leadership will be given in each camp.

PRAY for the district Sunday-school conferences and conventions now in progress or in planning stages.

PRAY that the financial need of the Christian Education Department will be cared for by the churches of our fellowship.

PRAY for the summer programs of each church. Pray especially for the Vacation Bible Schools which are being planned.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAISE God for a successful school year which is rapidly coming to a close.

PRAY that the last weeks of the school year may be weeks of victory for all the students.

PRAY that the commencement activities beginning May 26 and concluding May 30 may prove to be a real blessing to all.

PRAY that the Lord will definitely guide all the graduates as to their future plans.

WMC

PRAISE the Lord for those who have faithfully served in WMC groups this year.

PRAY that the Lord might be magnified in every detail of the planning for our national WMC conference.

PRAY for WMC women who will be dedicating their time and service in any way to youth programs this summer.

SMM

PRAISE the Lord for our fine "Operation SMM" offering in which we doubled our set goal for the year.

PRAY for the staff and Mrs. Hall as the junior handbook is printed and assembled, and program packets are sent out on June 1.

PRAY for the girls who are glorifying the Lord by completing personal goals at this time.

PRAY for the missionary children who are separated from their parents to study here in the USA.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for many decisions in meetings at Hatboro, Pennsylvania, where a tract ministry and personal witnessing were used to great advantage.

PRAY for God's blessing upon the Jerry Franks record "Trumpet Conversations" being produced by BMH Recordings and soon to be released.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

PRAY that God will protect young men in the service, our chaplains, and other officers.

PRAY for all officials of our government and the military. Pray that they might depend upon God for direction and guidance in these trying times.

Church News

FINDLAY, OHIO. Rev. Daniel Eshleman resigned as pastor of the Findlay Brethren Church on March 17. He will move to Cherry Hill, N. J., in the early part of June to start a new Brethren church in that area.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Board of Evangelism announces the termination of the ministry of Rev. James Custer from its staff on May 12, 1968. Mr. Custer has accepted the call to be pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio.

CHANGES. Calvary Brethren Church, P.O. Box 1275, Hagerstown, Md. 21740. Rev. and Mrs. George Cripe, 2301 Nystrom Ave., Modesto, Calif. 95350. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Lapp, Box 276, R.D. 2, New Holland, Pa. 17557. Rev. and Mrs. Donald Marken, R.D. 2, Box 260, Coolville, Ohio 45723. Professor and Mrs. Donald Ogden, 308 Sixth St., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. The new mailing address of Rev. and Mrs. Phil Guerena is Apartado 8-961, Mexico 8, D.F. Telephone 39-61-82. Their residence location is Playa Carabali No. 51, Col. Marte, Mexico 13, D.F.

ALTOONA, PA. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schmelzlen, members of the First Brethren Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They were united in marriage on Feb. 14, 1918, by Rev. W. C. Benshoff. Robert Russell, pastor.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va. Rev. Thomas Hammers spoke at the Grace Brethren Church on March 19, representing Grace College. Robert Klein, a high school junior, was chosen by Congressman Ken Hechler to serve as a page in Washington, D. C., for a two-month period. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Buchanan presented a Wurlitzer organ to the church recently.

DAYTON, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. Russell M. Ward are announcing the birth of Scott Russell. He was born on March 12 and weighed 8 pounds and 12 ounces. Rev. Ward is the pastor of the Basore Road Grace Brethren Church.

ALTOONA, PA. On April 27 Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, dean of students at Grace College; Terry White, director of public relations at Grace; and Jerry Franks, artist in residence and director of instrumental music at Grace, will be featured at a special city-wide Youth-A-Rama where 1,000 young people are expected. On April 28 they will minister at the First Brethren and Grace Brethren churches in Altoona.



Charles E. Fuller

PASADENA, CALIF. Charles E. Fuller, heard for nearly 43 years over the Old Fashioned Revival Hour radio broadcast, died on March 19. He was 80 years old. The pioneer radio evangelist began preaching in 1925. In 1943 he organized the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation, and he was the co-founder of Fuller Theological Seminary in 1947. The radio broadcast will continue, featuring the Old Fashioned Revival Hour Choir, prerecorded messages by the late Bible teacher, and other speakers including Dr. Fuller's son, Dr. Daniel Fuller.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
York, Pa.	May 6-12	Kenneth Wilt	Scott Weaver
Parkersburg, W. Va.	May 12-17	Melvin Hobson	Nathan Meyer
New Holland, Pa.	May 26-31	Richard McCarthy	Nathan Meyer
Altoona, Pa.	May 27-June 2	Robert Clinton	Scott Weaver
Minerva, Ohio	May 29-June 9	Dennis Beach	Jim Custer

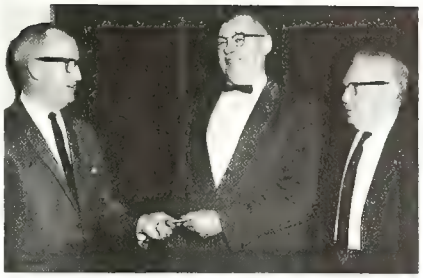


SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Alive, Inc. Pavilion at HemisFair '68—A 5,000 square foot theater with air-conditioned waiting lines outside is nearing completion on the site of the Texas World's Fair by a non-profit, interested group of Texas businessmen. The Pavilion will present its films in both English and Spanish. "Sermons from Science"—Moody Science film program—was selected by *Time* magazine as one of the ten top exhibits at the New York World's Fair. "Sermons from Science" has been shown to full houses at Seattle, New York, and Montreal.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Rev. David Hocking assumed the duties as pastor of the First Brethren Church on April 1. Dr. Charles Mayes, the former pastor, resigned and plans to devote his ministry to teaching and Bible conference work as a service to help other churches.

CONEMAUGH, PA. The following men were special speakers at the Pike Brethren Church during March: Mr. Ted Dencher, Dr. H. W. Koontz, and Rev. Marvin Lowery. Kenneth Koontz, pastor.

KOKOMO, IND. Rev. Herman H. Hein, Jr., pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, reports that there were four first-time decisions for Christ, and eight rededications of life in a two-week period recently. The church will be broadcasting the Sunday morning services over Kokomo's WIOU radio station during May.



Left to right: Charles Alter, Leroy Yingling, Brinton Stains.

WAYNESBORO, PA. On March 10 Mrs. Grace Boyer, 84, received an attendance pin for 38 years perfect attendance in the First Brethren Sunday School. Actually, she claims a record of 46 years; the missing eight years cover a period when pins were not given and records not kept completely. Mrs. Boyer continues to teach a junior Sunday-school class,



Pastor Wendell E. Kent congratulating Mrs. Boyer.

and conducts Signal Lights (a worship service for children) once a month; she began this work in 1925. Others with impressive attendance records are Charles Alter, Sunday-school superintendent, 27 years; Leroy Yingling, 31 years; and Brinton L. Stains, 36 years.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Janet Dawson and Glenn Brumbaugh, March 2, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

Evelyn Kathleen Looney and Michael Allan Wall, Oct. 28, 1967, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Barbara Elaine Evenson and John W. Watson, Dec. 16, 1967, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Geneine Elizabeth Schilling and John Wesley Thomas, Dec. 19, 1967, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Karen Ruth Wahl and Gary Everett Gray, Jan. 27, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Denise Lynn Peterson and Paul David Orr, Feb. 10, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Donna Rae and William Riley Boatman, Feb. 10, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Diane Deuser and Jeff Potts, March 9, Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Joanne Fairchild and Daniel Miller, March 23, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

WILES, Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth, 85, a member of the Hagerstown (Md.) Grace Brethren Church, died on March 18 after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Robert B. Collitt. Also assisting in the services were Rev. Jesse Deloe, Dayton, Ohio, and Rev. Cumin Wiles, New Albany, Indiana.

May Bible Reading Calendar

MAY			
DATE	MORNING	EVENING	
1	I KINGS	1, 2	LUKE 22:54-71
2	I KINGS	3, 4, 5	LUKE 23:1-26
3	I KINGS	6, 7	LUKE 23:27-38
4	I KINGS	8, 9	LUKE 23:39-56
5	I KINGS	10, 11	LUKE 24:1-35
6	I KINGS	12, 13	LUKE 24:36-53
7	I KINGS	14, 15	JOHN 1:1-28
8	I KI.	16, 17, 18	JOHN 1:29-51
9	I KINGS	19, 20	JOHN 2
10	I KINGS	21, 22	JOHN 3:1-21
11	II KINGS	1, 2, 3	JOHN 3:22-36
12	II KINGS	4, 5	JOHN 4:1-30
13	II KINGS	6, 7, 8	JOHN 4:31-54
14	II KI.	9, 10, 11	JOHN 5:1-24
15	II KI.	12, 13, 14	JOHN 5:25-47
16	II KI.	15, 16, 17	JOHN 6:1-21
17	II KINGS	18, 19	JOHN 6:22-44
18	II KI.	20, 21, 22	JOHN 6:45-71
19	II KI.	23, 24, 25	JOHN 7:1-31
20	I CHR.	1, 2	JOHN 7:32-53
21	I CHR.	3, 4, 5	JOHN 8:1-20
22	I CHR.	6, 7	JOHN 8:21-36
23	I CHR.	8, 9, 10	JOHN 8:37-59
24	I CHR.	11, 12, 13	JOHN 9:1-23
25	I CHR.	14, 15, 16	JOHN 9:24-41
26	I CHR.	17, 18, 19	JOHN 10:1-21
27	I CHR.	20, 21, 22	JOHN 10:22-42
28	I CHR.	23, 24, 25	JOHN 11:1-17
29	I CHB.	26, 27	JOHN 11:18-46
30	I CHR.	28, 29	JOHN 11:47-57
31	II CHR.	1, 2, 3	JOHN 12:1-19

CORLE, David Earle, a member of the First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa., died Feb. 21 following an automobile accident. He was a Lance Corporal in the Marine Corps. Robert Russell, pastor.

RIES, Mrs. Bertha, a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Trout Lake, Mich., died Feb. 24, when she was struck by a car while visiting her daughter in Florida. She was a deaconess, served as church treasurer and pianist, and has served the Lord in a number of other positions in the church. Rev. Earl Funderburg and Rev. Robert Poirier assisted the pastor, Rev. Donald Taylor, with the memorial service.

RADER, Charles E., 90, died on March 5. He was the oldest member of the Calvary Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio. Rev. H. T. Barnhart conducted the funeral services on March 8.

MEEK, Mrs. Alice Mae, 46, a faithful member of the West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio, died on March 16. She was a deaconess and SMM patroness at the church. Robert Holmes, pastor.

CRAGHEAD, Thomas, Jr., 21, died in Vietnam on Feb. 4 after being wounded in action. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va. W. Carl Miller, pastor.



Progress Reported on Every Front at Grace Schools

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President

Grace Theological Seminary and College

The Annual Meeting of the Board

On February 26 and 27 the Board of Directors of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College met for its annual appraisal of the school and its directives for the coming year. Dr. Kenneth B. Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church in Wooster, Ohio, president of the board, was in charge. The following members of the board were present: John Armstrong, Wooster, Ohio; Harold Bolesky, Mansfield, Ohio; Rev. Paul E. Dick, Winchester, Virginia; Richard Holmes, Wadsworth, Ohio; Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, Winona Lake, Indiana; E. M. White, Kittanning, Pennsylvania; Dr. Douglas Cassel, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Owen E. Hacker, Dayton, Ohio; Rev. Samuel Horney, Toppenish, Washington; Carl H. Seitz, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Rev. R. Paul Miller, Jr., Mansfield, Ohio; Rev. Robert Collitt, Hagerstown, Maryland; Rev. Richard DeArmey, Osceola, Indiana; Rev. James G. Dixon, Washington, D. C.; Rev. F. Thomas Inman, Denver, Colorado; Glenn C. Messner, Ashland, Ohio.

There were separate meetings of the executive committee and four commissions: educational affairs, development, business, and student affairs. The fruit of these discussions was reported to the entire board, and in the most efficient and speedy manner the business was transacted.

Review of the Year Was Encouraging

The spiritual side of the school gave cause for rejoicing. The moral and spiritual ideals of the school have been maintained in the face of disintegration in the world all about. Students have rejoiced in these standards. Some students have come to a saving knowledge of Christ and others have grown in grace.

The dimensions of the school have increased. The largest student body yet has been in attendance in the college and also in the seminary. This speaks of the enlarging influence of the school and its growing usefulness. Growth in the seminary is encouraging.

At a time when financial pressures are growing heavier, the finances of the school are better than at any time in its previous history. At this juncture it appears that the school will finish the year in the black as far as current operations are concerned.

The development of the school proceeds at a steady pace. The library is gradually going up according to schedule, and it looks as though a year from now the use of the building will begin. For this enterprise there is real need for investment funds to finance the project, and even more need for gifts to liquidate the building debt.

Few Changes in the Faculty and Staff

With the exception of some few changes the entire faculty and staff will be returning for the coming year. Mr. William Schaffer has tendered his resignation to accept a position as head of the music department at Miami Bible College. Mr. Ward Kriegbaum has been granted leave of absence to begin work toward a doctorate at Purdue University. Miss Suzanne Royer has been granted an extension of leave to continue work toward the doctorate in mathematics at Purdue. Mr. Donald Garlock, though granted further leave for work in instructional media, will doubtless be returning to the campus this fall. By action of the board, Mrs. Verna Felts was appointed as full-time instructor in music, Mrs. Mary Lou Fink as full-time instructor in English and speech, and Rev. Fred Fogle as full-time instructor in anthropology and missions.

Promotions in rank were granted to the following: to assistant professorship—Edgar Lovelady in English; David Dilling in philosophy and Greek; Dorothy Toirac in French; Paulette Sauders in English, and Gerald Franks to artist in residence (equivalent to assistant professorship).

New Departments Being Established

Mrs. Florence Eagle serving through the present year as assistant director of food service has been moved to full-time director. Mr. Leslie Moore has been appointed director of housing. To meet the growing responsibility in student aid, a full-time office of financial aid has been created, and a full-time office of Christian service is also being planned.

Perhaps the most important development within this school since its inception is the creation of a full department of missions. Up to this time it has not seemed possible to move in this direction. But now the school has grown to such proportions that the need is acute and the provision is at hand. Both home and foreign missions joined with Grace Schools to bring this about.

As a result there will be a full department of missions both in the college and in the seminary. Rev. Fred Fogle, pioneer missionary to France for The Brethren Church, will head this department. For the past two years he has been heading such a department in the Grace Bible Institute at Omaha, Nebraska. His long experience on the mission field, his teaching experience, and his educational background eminently qualifies him for this important post. It is expected that this new department will give new impetus to the cause of foreign and home missions.

The new year is bright with prospect and with the promise of God. Best of all, the school approaches the future with the blessed hope of Christ's imminent appearing and His kingdom. ▼

Music In Revival

By Donald E. Ogden

A great throng has quietly gathered in the huge arena. There are no sounds but the moving of feet and the murmur of a multitude of voices. At the appointed hour a man of strong character moves across the platform and takes his place behind the pulpit, waiting as a hush begins to spread itself like a blanket across the expectant crowd.

The silence is broken as the loudspeakers project the voice of the man of God who immediately arrests the attention of his audience with a dynamic introduction to a sermon which will grip hearts and change lives on this eventful night. The forcefulness of his speech, the weight of his arguments, and the power of the Word of God—all under control of the Holy Spirit—strike a responsive note in hundreds of hearts.

The invitation is extended; newborn babes in Christ move into the aisles and toward the front, along with wayward children who long to find again the loving embrace of their Heavenly Father, whose fellowship they have lost.

But wait a minute! Was not something left out of this description? What about the preparation of hearts as the great sea of voices swelled the strains of "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"; can we overlook the compelling forcefulness of the thousand-voice choir as it asked the soul-searching question,

"And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?"

And then the consecrated voice of the soloist and the calm assurance of the lines,

"Oh, this full and perfect peace!
Oh, this transport all divine!
In a love which cannot cease
I am His and He is mine."

And what was the word which helped the penitent to move out in decision? Oh, yes, it was sung again and again, "O Lamb of God, I come." And men and women were coming to "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

Could the incomplete description first given be a reality? Certainly! No one can prescribe a course within the limits of which God is confined in His work. Such a course as this, however, will prove to be an exception to the pattern which God usually leads men to follow. The history of

revival has always been the story of His working through the preaching of His Word complemented by His ministry through the medium of music.

A prime example of this pattern comes to us from the Word of God itself. Israel's apostasy is summarized in Hezekiah's graphic description of a temple with closed doors, darkened lamps, and cold altars.

But under Hezekiah the nation experienced a revival, and the return to worship was marked by the musical preparations as the Levites were set in the house of the Lord with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, and the priests with their trumpets. The Holy Spirit writes into the record that "when the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also . . . and all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded . . . and they sang praises with gladness" (II Chron. 29:25-30).

Through the history of the Christian church, there has been a significant parallel between evangelical fervor and musical practice. We have sufficient evidence that the New Testament church was a singing church, for both the writers of Scripture and the secular historians make reference to the musical exercises of early Christian congregations.

As the church began to grow in popularity and broaden in its outreach, personal experience of salvation seemed to diminish proportionately.

There is no question but that, for its size, the world church was a relatively powerless organization through those centuries we call the Dark Ages. History reveals that during this period, while music continued to play an important part in the formal service of the church, its performance was restricted to the trained singers who were professionally recognized as the lesser clergy. The congregation knew nothing of lifting its voice in expression of praise for personal deliverance. Perhaps it knew too little of personal experience.

The story of the Reformation, whether of Luther, Calvin, Knox, or others, has been the story of revival, both of Biblical doctrine and of godly living. In every case there has been an accompanying revival of musical expression. Among other great contributions attributed to Luther, he is credited with returning the hymnbook to the pew.

Calvin, too, laid great stress on congregational singing and is personally responsible to a very large extent for the production of the versification of the Psalms, which furnished a great segment of the Christian church with its congregational songs.

The hymns of Isaac Watts lent tremendous impetus to the nonconformist movement, of which he was a part, in England prior to the Wesleys.

In the great spiritual awakening in which God used Charles and John Wesley, both in America and in the British Isles, songs played an important part.

The Wesleys' evaluation of the weight of song may be reflected in the efforts they applied to the production of English hymns, which adds up to more than 6,000 original hymns from the pen of Charles and a large number, mainly translations from other languages, by John.

> "... Every great revival has been borne on the wings of song."

It is not without significance that the name of every great modern-day evangelist is inseparably linked with the name of one or more outstanding gospel musicians: Moody with Sankey, Billy Sunday with Rodeheaver and Ackley, Billy Graham with Barrows and Shea. As Dr. Rodeheaver has observed, every great revival has been borne on the wings of song.

Perhaps there are two main reasons for this, and they lie in the dual function of music in revival: music helps produce revival, and revival helps produce music.

On the one hand, it penetrates the heart of steel and makes as putty the heart of stone; it breaks down barriers; it disarms the rebellious; it is often the only vehicle that can find an entrance through which to carry the Word of life. On the other hand, the entrance of God's Word brings light, and when the sun begins to shine, the birds begin to sing. A right relationship to God always produces joy, and the most natural expression of human joy seems to be in song.

Music as a *means* to spiritual experience is in view in the exhortation of Paul to the Colossians that they should teach and admonish one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (Col. 3:16).

That music is a *product* of spiritual experience is implied repeatedly in the Psalms, but especially in David's testimony, "He hath set my feet upon a rock, and . . . put a new song in my mouth" (Psa. 40:2-3).

The effectiveness of music in evangelism is nowhere better illustrated in history than in the lament of Luther's opponents that more souls were converted to his doctrines by his songs than by his preaching.

The natural employment of songs as an expression of the heart that has experienced the work of God's grace has no finer illustration than in Wales, where it is reported that from the time of the great Welsh revival at the turn of this century, the streets fairly rang with hymns that rose from the lips of the miners as they returned each evening from their work. Their reaction to their spiritual experience, like that of Christians in all generations and in every land, can be accounted for in the words of a familiar hymn, "Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise."

Again the 7:30 hour is approaching; the majestic sounds of the great organ set an atmosphere of expectancy as latecomers find their seats and become absorbed in the hushed crowd.

Voices blend in praise to the Saviour; together men and women exhort one another to lives of consecration and holiness. The voice of God reaches deep into the inner being of saints and sinners alike through the solos and choir presentations, and, finally, the evangelist picks up the reins to guide the chariot on to loftier heights. God's Spirit is doing His work.

The crowd stands to sing its decision of surrender.

The preacher quietly breathes a prayer of thanksgiving for the power of the gospel and the faithful working of the Spirit of God through the simple preaching of the Word and the music of revival. ▼

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Who Will Answer?

By Gordon Schermer

Pop music is perhaps the most important factor in gauging the ever-changing moods and ideas of young people today.

Three things determine how popular a song usually becomes. The beat is the first consideration. If the beat is not persistent and relatively well-emphasized (preferably with drums or a bass), the chances are the song will not make it. Melody is next in consideration; the song should be appealing to the ear. Last in importance are the lyrics. If the lyrics are indistinct, they make little difference. If, however, the lyrics are clear, the sentiment must reflect what young people actually are feeling and thinking.

Recently the "Theme from the Valley of the Dolls" has appeared on the charts. This is surprising considering that the song has no driving beat.

Some of its popularity is due, no doubt, to the popularity of the singer, Dionne Warwick. But it is significant that the most predominant feature of the record is the lyrics.

The big problem is the matter of identity:

"Why am I lost as a lamb?
When will I know, where will I,
How will I learn who I am?"

In answering this question, the lyrics pose some of the basic questions of philosophy.

There's the question of doubt and security:

"When did I stop feeling sure,
Feeling safe, and start wondering why?"

And there are the questions about reality:

"Is this a dream? Am I here?
Where are you?"

And God—"What's in back of the sky?"

And the problem of evil—"Why do we cry?"

And the problem of alienation—"How was I caught in this game?"

"Gotta get off, gonna get
Out of this merry-go-round.
. . . Need to get on where I'm bound."

The tone of the words speaks of hopelessness. The person does not know when or where or how these questions will be answered. The future is all clouds. There is only the drive "to get on where I'm bound"—wherever that may be.

This is the attitude of society today. Despair for the past, hopelessness for today, and insecurity, fear and uncertainty for the future. Young people today are willing to ask the important questions about life. They are willing to do something about the answers . . . if they get the answers. But who will tell them, and how shall they hear? ▼

Gordon Schermer is a Grace College senior English major. This article appeared as an editorial in a recent issue of the college newspaper, The Sounding Board.



The artist, Mr. Franks, performs several numbers on the fluegelhorn as well as the trumpet.



A cross section of the 65-piece band, composed of approximately 60 percent college students and faculty and 40 percent community musicians.

Disc-Time for Franks

Brooks Dawson of the Conn Band Instrument Corporation in Elkhart, Indiana, adjusts one of the stereo microphones prior to the recording session. A member of the Grace Brethren Church in Elkhart, Mr. Dawson directed the recording session.



A long-playing record album, featuring Grace College Artist in Residence, Gerald R. Franks, will be released May 1 by BMH Recordings. One side features Mr. Franks playing sacred numbers, accompanied by William Schaffer, Instructor in Music at Grace College. On the reverse side, from which these pictures were taken, Mr. Franks is accompanied by the 65-piece Grace College Community Concert Band.



E. William Male, academic dean of the college, was an important part of the tuba section.



Terry White, instructor in music at the college, directed the band for the recording session.



"Let's everybody pull together, now!"

Clyde Landrum, producer of the album and head of BMH Recordings, listens critically to the playback.





Playback—the moment of truth. Sondra Preda, flutist, is from the Canton, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church.

Grace News

Davis Chosen for "Dig"

Dr. John J. Davis, assistant professor of Old Testament and archaeology at Grace Schools, has been selected to serve on the staff of an excavation team that will be working in Israel this summer. The team of American archaeologists will direct excavations at the ancient city of Tekoa, the home of the prophet Amos.

The work, which is sponsored in part by the Wheaton College department of archaeology, will begin on June 10 and continue through August 16. Dr. Davis' responsibilities will include directing a part of the dig and lecturing at the summer institute.

Tekoa had been in the hands of the Arabs until last summer. Original negotiations for working at the site were made with the Arabs, but after last summer's war, negotiations had to begin again with Israel.

The site has never been excavated —thus the first important task of the team will be to identify the levels. Team members are hoping that Tekoa will help them to reconstruct the life of the prophetic period and also the home town of Amos.

A secondary project for Dr. Davis will be research in Iron Age material of Palestine. He is especially concerned with Iron Age II, which is the time of the divided monarchy.

This makes the second trip to Israel for Dr. Davis, who was appointed to the Grace faculty in 1965. In 1963 he spent five months in Jordan doing archaeological research. ▼



Three "Perfect" on College Dean's List

Three Grace College students have earned top scholastic honors for the fall semester by achieving a perfect grade point ratio of 4.0. They are Mary Ann Dodson, Glenn Firebaugh, and Galen Wiley.

Miss Dodson is a senior and an elementary education major. The daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Dodson of Winona Lake, Indiana, she is a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Warsaw, Indiana.

Glenn Firebaugh, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Firebaugh of Wooster, Ohio, is a member of the First Brethren Church of Wooster and a sophomore majoring in social studies.

Active in student government and Christian service at Grace, he currently serves as chaplain of the sophomore class and treasurer of the Circle K Club. Along with being a reporter for the school newspaper, he is active in the Republican Club, the Chess Club, and the 20th Century Affairs Club, and he is the student leader of the Campus Crusade Christian service group.

Galen Wiley, a senior majoring in science and Bible and minoring in psychology, is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Wiley of Galion, Ohio, and is a member of the Galion Brethren Church.

In addition to serving as a chemistry laboratory assistant in the college for the past three years, he also has been active in student government and Christian service activities. A four-year member of World Missions Fellowship, he was vice-president of that organization his sophomore year. A dormitory resident assistant for two years, he has served on the Alva J. McClain Award Review Committee, the Christian service committee and the chapel committee. He has earned the Commencement Academic Award three years in a row and this year was elected student body chaplain by his classmates.

The Dean's list, composed of the top ten students from the honor list, also included Terry Shrock from Kokomo, Indiana; Pat Armentrout from Covington, Virginia; Carol Ingalsbe from Yakima, Washington; Ramah Lee Harris from Akron, Ohio; Steve Grill from Dayton, Ohio; Judy McClure from North Manchester, Indiana; and Dave Plaster from Canton, Ohio. ▼

Grace College Invites

Parents of students, prospective students and their parents to attend

OPERATION INSIGHT 1968

Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5

Designed: to acquaint you with the Grace College campus,
to encourage a closer relationship between parents and students, between parents and faculty, and
to express appreciation to parents from students, faculty and administration.

Saturday schedule of events includes: breakfast, free registration, parent-faculty reception, visits to college classrooms, parent's convocation, free luncheon for registered guests, doubleheader intercollegiate baseball game, dinner and special program for parents, featuring the band, choir, and campus musical groups.

Sunday schedule: breakfast, parents attendance at the church of their choice with sons and daughters, and noon luncheon together.

- Meals will be available in the Dining Commons at a nominal cost.
- Accommodations may be arranged in area motels and hotels. (Contact Rev. Leslie Moore, Chairman, Conference and Hospitality Committee.)

Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590 - Phone 219-267-8191

Seminary To Hold "College" Day

The first annual "College Day" will be held on the Grace campus sponsored by Grace Theological Seminary on Friday, April 26. College sophomores, juniors and seniors from any college or university are invited to attend "seminary for a day," according to Prof. John Davis, chairman of the planning committee.

Designed to acquaint college students with the possibility of graduate study in theology, the day will feature many special events. Registration, including coffee and doughnuts and campus tours, will begin at 8:30 a.m. A special chapel sponsored by the seminary student council will follow at 9:30 and will include a student-alumni panel discussing such questions as "Why did I come to Grace Seminary?" "What's it like at Grace Seminary?" "Where am I headed after graduation?" and "What has Grace Seminary meant to me?"

The visiting of classes, an audio-visual presentation of the scope of the seminary, faculty panels, and meals in the college dining commons will comprise the afternoon activities.

The Spring Concert presented by the 65-piece Grace College Community Concert Band under the direction of Prof. Gerald Franks will provide the evening climax.

In view of the tremendous need for trained personnel in full-time Christian service, this event has been planned to help attract qualified students into the seminary program. ▼

GRACE COLLEGE
Summer School 1968

General Information:

First Session	Six weeks	June 3 - July 12
Second Session	Four Weeks	July 15 - August 9

The maximum student load is two courses each term.

Curricular Information:

First Session Courses
Physical Science Survey
Greek Elements
French II
World History I
World Literature
Bible Exposition
U. S. History I
English Composition
Principles of Speech
Modern Mathematics
Philosophy of Education
Introduction-American Govt.
Research in Education
Individual and Dual Sports

Second Session courses
Physical Geography
Sociology
World History II
Greek Elements (Cont.)
French II (Cont.)
Educational Psychology
U. S. History II
Methods in Teaching Science
History of Soviet Russia

Special Courses:

1. French II (Intermediate French) will continue for the entire ten-week period, and no other course should be elected.
2. Two-week course in Philosophy and Administration of Christian Day School by Dr. Roy Lowrie, July 29 - August 9

Financial Information:

Registration fee: Both terms $15.00; each term $10.00
Tuition: $25.00 per hour for credit
5.00 per hour for audit
Board and room in residence hall: First Session $110.00
(Includes 20 meals per week) Second Session 75.00
(Weekly basis $22.00 per week)

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A Summer of Music

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Again this summer two student musical teams will be representing Grace Schools in approximately 130 churches across the nation. The Grace Ambassadors, a mixed quartet led by Terry White, Director of Public Relations at Grace College, will present programs in the eastern and New England states, beginning on Sunday, June 2. Professor Donald Ogden and the male quartet will be making the 12,000-mile trip to the western states.

Members of Mr. White's team include Doreen Beach, Ann Brickel, Mary Flint and Phil Lance. Doreen, a sophomore at Grace, is majoring in elementary education and is a member of the First Brethren Church of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania. Ann is from Brookville, Ohio, where her father is pastor of the Brookville Grace Brethren Church. Also a sophomore elementary education major, she is the accompanist for the group.

Mary Flint, a senior English major, is a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California, Phil Lance, who is also a senior and majoring in history, is from the Montclair, California, Grace Brethren Church.

The men's quartet, traveling with Prof. Ogden, includes two students from Washington, two from Florida, and one from Virginia. Richard Dick, a junior music education major, is the pianist. He is a member of the First Brethren Church of Winchester, Virginia, where his father is pastor.

Gary Cole, a freshman from the Margate, Florida, church, sings baritone with the group. Dave Goodman, bass, is a junior English education major from the Sunnyside, Washington, church. Dale McDaniels, a junior music education major from the Yakima, Washington, church, is the first tenor. Ed Lewis, whose father is pastor of the Margate, Florida, Grace Brethren Church, sings second tenor and is a senior majoring in music education.

The primary purpose of the teams, as reflected by the development department of the school, is to represent Christ and Christian higher education through music, testimonies, personal conduct and general appearance. Specifically, the students will be emphasizing the need for prayer support, financial support both to the general operating fund and to the building program, and the need for high-caliber Christian students. ▼

Grace Ambassadors, seated (l to r): Ann Brickel, Doreen Beach, Mary Flint. Standing (l to r): Terry White, Phil Lance.



Men's quartet, standing (l to r): Prof. Donald Ogden, Gary Cole, Ed Lewis, Dale McDaniels, Dave Goodman. Rich Dick is seated at the piano.



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ABOUT THE COVER – Some of the "younger set" at Africa field council meeting, January, 1968: Top, back row (l to r): Joe Beaver, John Garber, Joyce Kennedy, Danny Kennedy. Front row: Calla Cone, Joyce Garber, Jean-Marc Waridel, Margaret McDairmant. Bottom, back row (l to r): Danny Hocking, Danny McDairmant, Mark Johnson, Tommy Hocking. Front row: Anne-Claude Waridel, Nancy McDairmant, Debbie Johnson.

The Editor Speaks . . . By Clyde K. Landrum

Can We Run Away Forever?

Did you read Robert Dungy's article on pages four and five of the April 20 *Brethren Missionary Herald*? Titled "The Necessity of Negro Evangelism," it is well-written, thought-provoking, and relevant. It comes at an appropriate time and is worthy of our consideration.

The church could well take this message to heart. Nero fiddled while Rome burned. The riots of our times have coined a new phrase—"Burn, baby, burn!" And, if we are not careful, the church of our generation will hesitate while America burns. While it is not the church's function to get involved in marches, nor in purely social progress, we can enter more wholeheartedly into gospel-preaching programs related to the non-white population. This type of action is encumbent upon us.

Mr. Dungy points out in his article that even if the Negro gets "all the rights to which he is entitled," he still can go straight to hell if he does not know Christ as Saviour. The solution to the race problem is to be found through spiritual, not just economic, educational, and social change. *Newsweek* magazine devoted over twenty-five pages of its November 20, 1967, issue to the subject "The Negro in America: What Must Be Done?" As might be expected, in its twelve-point recommendation for solution, changing the heart in order to change the people was not mentioned. This is a work that must be accomplished by the church through the preaching of the Word of God.

This will first of all be the responsibility of the Negro. The problem cannot be solved otherwise. There is a movement known as the National Negro Evangelical Association, an affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals, that is working on the problem. Field director Aaron M. Hamlin said recently, "I believe it is imperative that the Christian church amass itself and make its cause for existence known. We read of Black Power and Black Nationalist groups uniting but nowhere do we hear of Black Christians coming together for concerted action." This was his call to action to his people to solve their own problems.

Yet, there is a responsibility for all Christians. We must face and solve the problem of how to get along together as Christians of different races. Mr. Dungy asks the question, "How can a Christian love someone in Christ and segregate him simultaneously?" He points out further that this attitude on the part of white denominations has caused the Negro to speak of the Negro Christian representing the denomination as "Uncle Tom" or "the white man's puppet."

Is relocation of churches the only solution to the problem? Can we run away forever? The new Civil Rights bill is of necessity going to bring the races closer together. What is to be the attitude of the church? Must we always sell valuable church property to non-Brethren groups? Could we not begin to establish Negro Brethren churches in such locations? The Negro deserves to have the Bible message and the Brethren ordinances that we Brethren hold dear. It is true that there might need to be subsidy or



loan of money to such groups, but the Lord would bless in the supply of funds if He led in the establishment of such a program.

There was great enthusiasm in the setting up of a Race Relations committee by national conference. Has our enthusiasm waned since that time? Did we just "appoint a committee" and leave them with the problem? Churches and individual members of the NFBC could well offer encouragement and suggestions to the committee. The committee in one of its reports asked for suggestions. Perhaps the moderator should offer his services to work with the committee in order that they may bring a full report to national conference in August. I am sure that Moderator Homer A. Kent, Sr., or Race Relations Committee Chairman Bruce Button would appreciate suggestions. And one thing that all of us can do is to pray for direction from God in this vital matter. ▼

A Bigger Bang for Your Buck

Or How to Get More for Your Missionary Dollar

By Donald A. McGavran

John Q. Christian came home from work and his wife handed him the mail. He slit open four letters and read them carefully.

A report from "Vietnam Incorporated" told about new openings for the Gospel in that war-torn country. "Congo Missions" was a picture sheet relating the story of a mission station which had been fought over twice and was now rebuilding. The next letter presented an attractive little girl—one of 72 in an orphanage maintained by the "Inside India Mission." The last envelope disgorged a beautiful folder setting forth the work of a Christian college in the Philippines. All four appealed for support.

John Q. remembered many others, too. His congregation had seven missionaries on its roster and his denomination's monthly magazine told of many varied missionary enterprises. To which should he give? Good stewardship demanded that he use his common sense and business judgment —of which he had a good supply.

In the parable of the pounds (Luke 19:11) our Lord commends business efficiency in affairs God entrusts to us. In missions God expects us to get as big a bang as possible. How does the American Christian set about doing this?

"If I were buying stocks or bonds, I'd investigate carefully before investing," thought John Q. "I'd want maximum profits. What are maximum profits in missions? And how does one investigate missionary enterprises?"

Two basic questions

Every responsible Christian facing the baffling array of good mission enterprises should ask these two questions. First, what are "maximum profits" in missions? What are the Biblical priorities by which Christians may discern which of many good enterprises are most pleasing to God? This is not a difficult question to answer. For the last hundred years, almost all boards have maintained that Biblical missions were basically concerned with just one thing—propagating the Gospel. Rufus Anderson, whom Pierce Beaver calls the "grand strategist of American missions," gave classic expression to this position in 1845 when he wrote:

"Mere philosophers have never

gone as missionaries; and seldom do mere philanthropists go into the heathen world, nor would they remain long, should they happen to go. Nor will a merely impulsive unreflecting piety ever bring about a steady, persevering, laborious, self-denying mission. . . . Nothing but the grand object of reconciling men to God, with a view to their eternal salvation, and the happiness and glory thus resulting to Christ's kingdom, will call any considerable number of missionaries into the foreign field, and keep them cheerfully there. *It is necessary that this object be made to stand out alone, in its greatness and majesty, towering above all other objects, as the hoary monarch of the Alps towers above the inferior mountains around him.* . . . The true missionary character indeed is based upon a single sublime conception—that of reconciling immortal souls to God." (Anderson, Rufus; Beaver, R.P., editor, *To Advance the Gospel,* Eerdmans, 1967, p. 83.)

John Q., remembering that New Testament missions were church-planting missions, agrees. "Maximum profits" must mean maximum propagating of the Gospel or maximum discipling of the nations. This is the first priority. When investigating any appeal for missionary funds, ask, Does this win men for Jesus Christ and multiply churches? Many other good enterprises should no doubt also be carried on. Our Lord on two occasions fed the hungry and on many healed the sick, but these were not the chief purpose of His incarnation and must never be the chief purpose of His church's mission. They are auxiliary to reconciling men to God and contribute to that glorious end. Their value is great when they demonstrably help men believe on the Saviour, but they must never be substituted for the effective proclamation of the Gospel.

John Q. Christian is a thorough modern. He knows that the enormous progress made in aviation, steel, plastics, medicine, and a thousand other businesses would be impossible without research. Like a true twentieth-century man he believes that research is the key to tomorrow. He figures, therefore, that missions—a 200-million-dollar enterprise out of North America alone—ought to be devoting several million a year to research in church growth. "The biggest bang I can get," he says to himself, "is to help the church find out how to reconcile men to God more effectively. And, since research in church growth best advances the main purpose of missions, it shall have next priority."

Now John Q. comes to his second question: How shall I investigate the many mission enterprises calling for my support? How shall I find out what God's money entrusted to me is being spent for? And how efficient the management is? Which company—John falls back on the terminology of the business world—is likely to declare the most dividends? Which is actually discipling the nations?

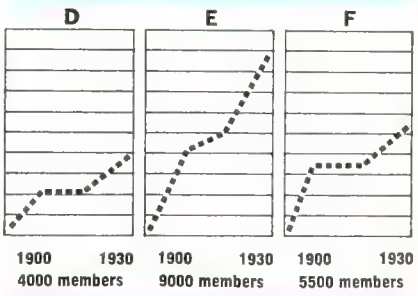
Like all businessmen, J. Q. wants more than mere emotional appeal and thrilling stories. He looks for a solid financial statement. "In business," he says, "we set down earnings to the last cent and hire a certified accountant to make the annual audit. I shall look for missionary societies which do the same."

Need hard facts

He is accustomed to studying hard facts connected with business deals. A natural gas company with proved reserves of a trillion cubic feet looks like a better thing than one which says nothing about reserves.

John Q. is accustomed to studying graphs of growth and has a healthy respect for companies where performance matches promise. "Before I contribute to any mission," he says, "I shall ask it to send me graphs of the growth of its church membership, country by country. I shall give after studying the graphs. I know some countries are resistant to the Good News. As a matter of fact, I already give to one seed-sowing mission in a highly resistant land and shall continue doing so. In God's time it will turn responsive and the church will begin to reap. Till then the job is to hang on and sow plenty of seed. But when grain ripens, getting it in is top priority. There is no use to sow and then, when that grain ripens, harvest a tenth of it while sowing furiously someplace else. Most of my money and prayer will go to discipling missions. Where congregations can be multiplied, there my dollars can do the most good.

"Look," he goes on, "how clear the outcome in missions can be made by graphs of church growth. These from Roy Shearer's great book, *Wildfire: Church Growth in Korea,* portray the outcome in three districts. Obviously the management in *E* was planting more churches than in *D* and *F*. Of course, membership growth is not the sole criterion, but it is always important. I want to know how much growth has occurred before I give. I may give to *D* or *F*, but I'll not do so with my eyes shut."



John Q. Christian and his sister Kathryn know a great deal about missions. They send money, prayer, sons and daughters around the world. The spectacular rise of conservative denominational and interdenominational missionary societies (which now maintain 15,000 missionaries) represents considered judgment on the part of millions of devout men and women, who are good stewards of the Lord's money entrusted to them, that these societies give good return on the missionary dollar.

These good stewards, seeking to get more for their missionary dollars, are going to invest them increasingly in missionaries and societies who are reconciling men to God, and, in the great phrase of St. Paul in Romans 1:5, "bringing about obedience to the Christian faith for the sake of his name among all the Gentiles." ▼

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GIVE AS YOU NEVER GAVE BEFORE

By Rev. John W. Zielasko



The Israeli victory over the Arabs sparked a generous benevolent attitude on the part of many. Full-page newspaper ads sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal exhorted people to "give as you never gave before." So overwhelming was the response that fund raisers were completely caught by surprise. Money flowed in Israel's direction even from unexpected sources. *Newsweek* reported that one man, a Gentile, gave over $100,000 to the Jewish cause. Seven men in Dayton, Ohio, contributed $500,000. This is just under the total foreign mission giving for Brethren churches in 1967. In New York City alone, 23 million dollars was raised in just four days. People gave—spontaneously or with little urging. Some were so captivated by the military strategy of the underdog that they wanted to have a part in keeping him victorious. Others gave willingly and joyfully because they believed in Israel's cause and were proud of Israel's success in the face of overwhelming odds. Thus, the Israeli did not lack funds to carry forward his program.

Should not an even *greater* enthusiasm be engendered by Christians for the cause of Christ? In this day of unprecedented prosperity, Christians could give more. In this day which closely parallels the Biblical description of the end of the age, one would think that Christians would want to give more. Yet, the field of Biblical economics is largely ignored by the Christian population, and only a small percentage designate any significant financial contribution to enable the foreign-mission program to operate.

Christian missions is the most significant event occurring in the world. But, other events make the headlines; other items crowd the work of Christ into an insignificant corner. Nevertheless, now, as in past decades, God is bringing His plan to completion. The alert Christian will want to have a part in this investment for eternity.

The Bible does have something to say with respect to our finances. Whenever men put into practice the teachings of the Word of God, they are pleasantly surprised. By its teaching, insurmountable obstacles have been overcome; lives have been transformed, attitudes changed, dispositions brightened, horizons broadened, and visions extended.

When medical science of the eighteenth century adopted some of the teachings on hygiene found in the Old Testament, the mortality rate dropped.

When the teachings of Scripture were preached during the Reformation in Germany, the course of history was changed.

When the "Great Awakening" occurred in England, the sewers of moral degradation were plugged up momentarily, and multitudes were transformed by the Gospel.

The Bible gives us the finest law code, the best form of government, the greatest literature, and the guidelines for medicine, as well as providing the only adequate food for the soul of a saint. Most of us would agree that this is so and that we would like to see Biblical teachings honored in our nation as well as practiced in the private lives of her citizens. If we believe—as we do—that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and that we can depend upon its teachings to guide us in our walk to eternity, then is it not logical to apply this trust to that portion of the Scripture which speaks of our finances and of our giving to the Lord's work (II Cor. 9)?

The church of Jesus Christ is engaged in a battle—a spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:12). Like Israel, only a minority face the superior odds of the enemy. And, they must do it on a restricted budget. We cannot let them down. Financial demands of Brethren Foreign Missions this year will necessitate an increase of some $50,000. Within a few months, seven new missionaries will leave for language study. Our eighth field will soon be surveyed and preparations made to establish a work. A new generator is needed to keep the presses rolling in the Central African Republic. Africa alone has requested nineteen new missionaries to fill the various positions needed to train the African and strengthen the indigenous church. Expanding opportunities in France and Brazil, plus the growing list of project and personnel needs on all fields as outlined on other pages of this issue, evoke the appeal:

"Give as you never gave before." ▼



Mrs. Castro handing a symbolic certificate to her daughter Nilda.

Rio Cuarto School Completes Another Year!

Graduation!

By Mrs. Ricardo Wagner

A large audience of relatives and friends was present for the closing program of the Rio Cuarto Christian Day School this past December 1. The school was concluding its fifth year of ministry, and graduating its second class.

The program was made up of two parts. The first had to do mainly with ceremonies, recognitions, and presentation of awards (in all grades) and symbolic graduation certificates (the official ones are never ready at graduation time). The second part was made up of numbers prepared by the pupils for entertainment. Naturally, the highlight of the evening was when each of the eight graduates received his certificate and congratulations from one of his parents who had been called to the platform in acknowledgment of his or her part in the child's achievement.

This was the first time the school had its flag of ceremonies to use in what is considered the proper patriotic emphasis in a public gathering. The reason for delay in procuring such a flag, a part of necessary equipment in any school, was because of the expense. The flag must be standard: correct size; made of grosgrain silk; double, to conceal seams; the large Argentine sun of official flags hand embroidered on both sides with golden floss; the leather shoulder strap, with a socket to hold the staff, covered with blue and white ribbon of either grosgrain or velvet, and so forth. The flag is carried by the sixth grader with the highest average, and at graduation time is turned over, with some ceremony, to the fifth grader with highest scholastic attainments. Viki Cover deserved the honor of receiving the flag, but not being Argentine, she will not be allowed to carry it on all occasions.

Although the flag had been purchased in time to be used in the graduation exercises, it was not officially presented to the school until December 4. This ceremony is required but may be quite simple. Our school took advantage of the opportunity to create propaganda for the school and give a Christian testimony as well. The program was held in the civic auditorium and included numbers by our church choir and also the municipal band. Prayer and singing of hymns are not usually a part of such programs, so we are praying that the simple witness of this occasion may bear fruit.

We most earnestly solicit your prayer support for this coming school year. The need for teachers is urgent. Pray with us that the Lord will definitely call those who have the preparation to serve Him in this important ministry. Pray for patience, love, and wisdom for all who have contacts and responsibilities with the children, many of whom come from non-Christian homes and some of whom are problem children. Pray for the many financial needs of the school; pray also for the physical needs of those who are overloaded with work. ▼

An exercise in verse and song by children of the lower grades.



Principal Mildred Wagner addressing the audience; sixth graders at the side.



THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

HAPPY MISSIONARY HELPERS



A fine group of boys and girls are members of the Missionary Helpers Club of the Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Indiana, with Mrs. Paul Zipser as their leader. Mrs. Zipser says the MH'ers really enjoy the club and the stories that Aunt Alys writes, as well as the slides that tell about the different countries.

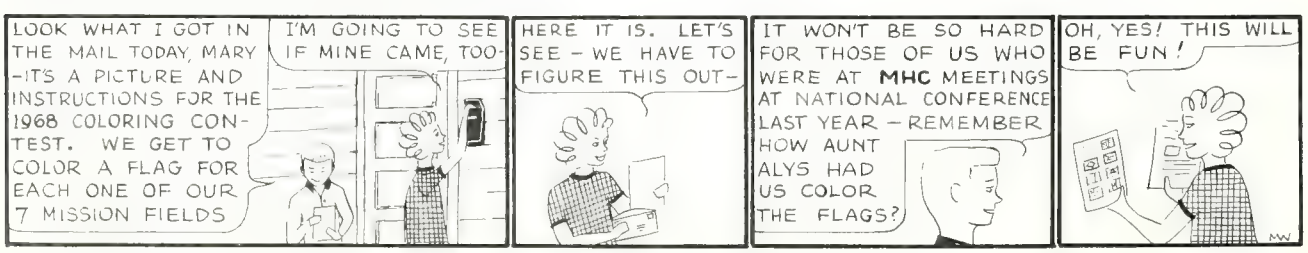
In the picture you can see, left to right, front row: Timmy Sommers, Teddy Dawson, Rachel Bracker; back row: Dayton Zipser, Mike Swihart, Blake Sommers, and Debby Dawson. Only a part of the Elkhart MHC is pictured; somehow the other boys and girls were not around when the picture was taken.



The Albright family lives in Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania, and attends Sunday school and church regularly at the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church. The six children in this family are happy to be MH'ers. They are learning about each missionary family and they pray for them, too.

It is interesting that all the names of this family begin with "S." From the oldest to the youngest they are Scott, 9; Sandra, 8; Sue Ann, 7; Shawn, 6; Stuey, 4; and Stacey Lee, 2.

HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY—



Support a Missionary!

AFRICA

Gilbert Aellig family	$ 6,000
Albert Balzers	1,200
Wayne Beaver family	2,000
George Cone family	1,500
Martin Garber family	900
Marvin Goodman family	3,500
Don Hocking family	3,000
Edwin Johnson family	500
Lester Kennedy family	2,500
Miss Ruth Kent	3,200
Tom McDairmant family	500
Austin Robbins family	4,700
Jean-Louis Steudler family	3,600
Floyd Tabers	2,700
Miss Marian Thurston	1,100
Pierre-Andre Waridel family	7,800
Hans Scheideggers	6,000

ARGENTINA

Gordon Austin family	$ 3,800
Nelson Fay family	4,500
Solon Hoyt family	1,000
Clark Miller family	1,900
Lynn Schrock family	800

BRAZIL

Earle Hodgdon family	$ 4,000
Miss Barbara Hulse	2,600
George Johnson family	700
Roger Saurer	2,900
Ralph Schwartz family	3,000

FRANCE

Tom Julien family	$ 1,500

HAWAII

Foster Tresise family	$ 1,200

MEXICO

Phil Guerena family	$ 5,000

PUERTO RICO

James Dickson family	$ 6,100

RETIRED

Miss Johanna Nielsen	$ 1,200
Chauncey Sheldons	840

The amounts given are what is lacking in total support. In some cases, it is full support; in others, partial support.

Note: Total support includes much more than the missionary's personal allowance. If you have any questions about the financial support of Brethren Foreign Missions, please contact the Winona Lake office.

(Partial listing only—complete project brochure will be sent upon request.)

Take On a Foreign-Missions Project!

AFRICA

Bible Institute student housing (each)	$ 550
Mimeograph	400
New songbooks for field council	75
Tractor mower	1,200
Electrical wiring for Bible Center	7,500
Children's school dormitory equipment	2,800
Miscellaneous literature needs	4,050
Medical (equipment, buildings, etc.)	14,500

ARGENTINA

For Bible Institute use, including shop equipment for student self-help during school and to make possible more self-support in their future work	$ 2,200
Radio time—per month	500
Rio Cuarto residence (Cover family use)	8,000
Printing of *Touchstones or Trinkets*, by R. D. Barnard, and *Bible Truths*, by A. J. McClain	1,000

BRAZIL

One new vehicle	3,500
Residences (2)	16,000
Youth camp grounds at both Icoaraci and Macapa, each, at least	3,000
Portable tabernacle	3,000
Subsidize radio program, 3 times weekly, 15 minutes each, in Belem (write FMS office for further information)	
Miscellaneous equipment, including power mower, filing cabinet, motion picture projector, generators, grease pit, long carriage typewriter, postcard mimeo, folding organ, and reading room furnishings and stock	1,850

FRANCE (Chateau)

Summer activities	$ 500
Central heating units (3 needed)	750
Mimeograph	200
Chateau youth program, including equipment, beds, chairs, tables, sports field, upkeep and repairs	5,000

GERMANY

Funds are needed to open this field

HAWAII

Land and buildings—thousands of dollars! (This project is for funds to be given to the FMS and then loaned to Hawaii churches on a revolving fund basis. Those who desire to make gifts directly to the Hawaii churches may do so and will receive from those churches receipts for income tax deduction.)

MEXICO

Bible Institute chapel	$ 3,000
Spanish Bibles	200
Linens	
Pump organ (amount still needed)	25
Communion service and equipment	50
Furnishings of dorm rooms and money for library books	70

PUERTO RICO

For English work, including painting, plumbing, electrical work, and ground care, minimum of	300

Important Note: Be sure to advise the FMS office of the project you are taking. Mention the project by name and field. When you send in your money, identify the project carefully.

Further note: We realize that the large amounts of money needed for many of the projects listed would be far beyond the giving ability of many individuals, groups, or churches. However, these projects are listed because they are definite, vital needs. So, if you will give whatever is possible and specify that it is to be applied toward the total, this will be greatly appreciated.

HELP WANTED

AFRICA	*No. needed*
Bible preparatory school teachers	2
Single ladies—village and church visitation for women and girls program	2
Bookkeeper-business manager	1
Junior high school teacher and elementary teacher for Missionary Children's School	2
Typists	2
Physicians-surgeons	3
Dentist (oral surgeon)	1
Nurses	Unspecified
Builder	1
Church development missionaries	5
Girls school teachers	2

Note: Both French and Sango required for most positions.

ARGENTINA	
Business manager	1
Single lady for Bible correspondence work—radio follow-up	1
Bible Institute teacher	1
Missionary pastors	2

BRAZIL	
Church development missionaries	Unspecified

FRANCE	
Missionary couples	Unspecified

GERMANY	
Missionary couples	Unspecified

MEXICO	
For Mexico City—general missionary	1 couple
For El Paso—self-supporting	2 couples
Bible Institute teacher	1

Be a Foreign Missionary!

A Woman Manifesting Christ

Recently I read a book recounting the incidents of women who were manifesting Christ. Gladys Hunt, the author of the book, *Does Anyone Here Know God,* relates a true example of a miracle that God performed through a woman whose motto was "Sow God's love, and step back and watch the miracle happen." This woman's son, who is a pastor, shared this illustration about the practical implications of knowing Christ with a group of students. And I would like to share this example.

This pastor knew his mother was a Christian because she bore the unmistakable marks of one who had believed and lived a life in harmony with Christ. In her thinking, one received Christ as personal Saviour, and then lived with Christ as the Lord of life. That was the power of his mother's victorious life. He uses the following incident to illustrate her level of practical living in a dramatic way:

"The neighbors in the little house next door were . . . gossipy and malicious, noisy and quarrelsome. The children were addicted to the appropriation of the property of others—which is a gentle way of saying that they were a pack of junior-size thieves. Collectively they were a thorn in the flesh to the neighborhood, perhaps more to my mother than to anyone else, for she was such a loving person.

"On our land but close to, and shading, their kitchen window was the most miserable skeleton of a peach tree that anyone ever saw. Every spring the gnarled old tree would, with great effort, gather together all of its little store of strength, and produce a few leaves, a few blossoms. In due season the blossoms would develop into tiny, hard green peaches that never matured. They were good for only one thing—throwing. You can guess who threw them where. It had always been so; the tree was so completely unproductive that Mother decided to have it cut down and put flowers in its place.

"It wasn't long before word of her decision reached the neighbors. They rushed over to plead with her to permit the old tree to stand because it was the only shade they had on their kitchen. Their kitchen had a flat roof, and it was exposed to the merciless Illinois sun. It was a tempting picture, those rascals sweltering in their doubly-heated kitchen. There was certainly poetic justice in it; they had turned the heat on us often enough, and one could easily be tempted to see a prophetic element in the situation. But Mother was a Christian and believed that she ought to act like one. . . . She said, 'Of course, I will leave the tree,' and she did.

"When spring came that year, something wonderful had happened to that tree. Those bony, gaunt, old limbs disappeared in a great cloud of blossoms. The blossoms developed into tiny, hard, green peaches that we had known across the years, and then, wonder of wonders, they matured and became wonderful, sweet, delicious fruit. There were so many peaches that we had to prop up the branches or they would have been broken.

"We ate all that we could, Mother gave them away to the neighbors, including the unpleasant ones, and she canned enough to last all through the coming year. We had so many peaches that, in boy fashion, it was many years before I could really enjoy peaches again.

"In a few months the neighbors moved. I do not mean to suggest that there is any connection here. But they did move; I am only reporting the facts. And that year, or the next, the tree died. That was the end of it—or the beginning.

"The tree had never produced good fruit before; it never produced good fruit again; it did so just that one year. I know what some of you are thinking—the tree would have pro-

duced fruit even if Mother had not been so nice; it was something about the season or the chemicals. I don't know why it happened, I do not claim to. But I do know this, if she had returned evil for evil, it would not have happened for there would have been no tree, and a small boy would have missed one of the most beautiful experiences and one of the deepest lessons of his whole life.

"Mother had an opportunity to get even and instead she sowed love, and there came forth a wonderful harvest. There was a harvest on the tree, but there was also a harvest in her soul, in mine, and in many others; a harvest which was so abundant, that continues, and shall continue to the farthest reaches of eternity."

In Matthew 28:9 we read, "And as they [women] went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them saying, All hail [O joy]. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshiped him" (New Scofield Bible).

The words "All hail" were spoken by our Lord Jesus to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary after they had learned from an angel of the Lord that Christ had risen. Here is where your familiarity with the Scriptures will be an asset to you as you fill in all the meanings the risen Lord could have included in His greeting to these women. These women were so eager to be near the resurrected Lord —so much so that they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. May we, too, have held on to every opportunity to serve Him as suggested through the presentations of the devotionals in our monthly WMC meetings. And may we, too, have taken the time to manifest these attitudes in a practical way.

A true worship experience is life changing. We become like the One we worship. To deepen the spiritual lives of our women is part of the purpose of our Women's Missionary Council so that we might better promote the cause of home and foreign missionary work.

Our resurrected Christ through the Holy Spirit has made us hear His own "All hail" to us, and we may have been drawn nearer to family devotions or perhaps have shared devotional helps with another parent who needed suggestions.

Still nearer in witnessing—perhaps this time you were prepared to witness by means of a tract to a nineteen-year-old serviceman sitting next to you as you traveled. Yes! He promised to read it. It wasn't the easiest thing you ever did, but, O joy, the result was so gratifying. You did ask the Lord for a blessing from the Bible study, and now you are looking forward to doing more than just reading the Bible. You want to draw nearer, still nearer in your study of the Word.

O joy, because God is performing His work in you. A woman manifesting Christ, you now will enjoy the victories of coming Nearer, Still Nearer as He prepares you for the future life with Him eternally. ▼

By Mrs. William Schaffer





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A Swollen Face, Flutes and Africa



David and Cheryl Shargel

The purpose of this letter is to introduce you to the Shargels (rhymes with gargle) and to share with you the wonderful way God has led us. I will doubtless meet some of you in the months and years to come. Let me break the ice by telling you a little about myself.

At the tender age of five, I accepted Christ as my Saviour when a missionary from Brazil was speaking at Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Beaumont, California. Some may doubt that a child of five can understand God's provision of salvation, but I knew I was a sinner and needed Christ. As I grew in years, I grew in Christ, too. Around eleven or twelve years of age, I decided the Lord wanted me to tell the Africans about Him. During high school I kept this goal ahead of me, even though it seemed far off. Following high school graduation in 1964, I left sunny California for snowy Indiana. I fulfilled my goal of a Christian education by enrolling in Grace College. That year one of my life-long dreams came true; I was asked to be pianist for the Melodies of Truth trio. In June the four of us girls, Mary Flint and Carol Halberg from California, Sherrie (Bradrick) Clingenpeel from South Bend, Indiana, and I, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hammers, left Grace for a thirteen-week tour of the west.

All the places we visited and the things we did are now memories; however, there is one weekend I shall never forget. It started on Thursday with the extraction of my wisdom teeth. By Sunday my swollen face gave me the appearance of an overgrown chipmunk. Sunday was one of those days you've all experienced—everything went wrong. My jaws ached, my hair wouldn't go right, and I couldn't talk—a terrible plight for any girl. The Lord had great things planned that day, though.

David Shargel, a 1965 Talbot Theological Seminary graduate, was on his way to his Sunday duties at Westminster (Calif.) Brethren Church. He was looking forward to service in Africa under the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society, but he had one major question: should he go to Africa alone? That morning he had settled in his mind that apparently it was the Lord's will for him to go out single, and he accepted this. As his blue volkswagon pulled into the church parking lot next to the Grace College station wagon, his eyes met with those of the girl in the front seat. During Sunday school and church he watched me with the thought, "I wonder if she would like to go to Africa?" I watched him with the thought, "I wonder if he's married?"

During lunch at Rev. Robert Thompson's home we got to know each other better. A few of my scattered thoughts through the meal were —"He plays the flute. That's funny, I play the flute, too. Could we make music together? So he wants to go to Africa. I never thought I would find an 'unattached man' who wanted to be a missionary in Africa."

After lunch the two of us sat on the couch and talked; well, he talked and I mumbled through swollen jaws. We discovered we had quite a few things in common. He asked me out for the following Friday evening, and I broke two stitches accepting.

That is the beginning of a story of ever deepening love. The Lord did great things for us as individuals before August 1, 1965, when we met. Since our marriage on July 22, 1966, He has continued to do great things for us as a couple.

As the excitement of my commencement from Grace College mounts, I am thankful that God has allowed us to prepare for His service. Our preparation in the States is now completed, but in September we leave for language study in France.

In June of 1969 we will finally get to Africa. I have already ordered groceries for the months of June to November, 1969, and our groceries for 1970 will have to be ordered before we even get to taste the ones ordered for 1969. I have a notebook filled with countless numbers of items to buy and pack for Africa, such as: a three-year supply of tissues, paper towels, hand cream, clothes, yardage, Christmas and birthday gifts, and so on. No longer will I be able to run down to the corner store for forgotten items.

Life in Africa will be somewhat different from life here in the States, but many aspects will be the same. There will still be children to raise, a house to clean, meals to prepare, and unsaved neighbors to witness to. It is a life God has called us to, and we are excited about the things He has planned for us. Your interest and prayers are appreciated. — *Cheryl Shargel* ▼

Missionary Mothers -- Who Are They?

By Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy

Mary Jones helped to open the interior of the Sudan to the gospel of Christ, yet she never left England. Separated from her relatives, she worked for the same family for twenty-five years. She lived simply and gave her earnings to the missionary cause. It could truly be said of her, "She hath done what she could." She prayed and sacrificially gave so that others could take the gospel to this needy field.

In the face of our great need for workers on the mission fields as well as for the ministry here at home, we wonder how this task can be accomplished. If God's people will faithfully pray for workers, the Lord will supply in spite of the critical times in which we live. Many parents have been unwilling to see their children go into the Lord's service, especially to the foreign fields. It should be the desire of all Christian parents to see their young people give their lives to serve the Lord wherever He needs them. Whenever our country calls them into military service, they must respond; and they are sent to serve in the place or places where they are most needed. Many give their lives in the conflict.

An unsurmountable crisis existed when Jochabed gave birth to Moses. All Hebrew male babies were to be killed. But this God-fearing mother trusted God for the outcome of hiding and planning a way to preserve her little son. A mother can do nothing higher than instill her own faith, wisdom, and character into her children. Moses, Aaron, and Miriam all received an excellent heritage in training although Jochabed was only mentioned twice in the Bible.

The early years of our children are important. God can use mothers in a great way to prepare future leaders in these formative years. Hannah is a wonderful example of yielding oneself to the Lord. She prayed for her son, Samuel, before and after he was born. She loved him; she cared for him; she taught him to love, respect, and fear the Lord; and then she gave him to the Lord, and her prayers followed him throughout his life.

The Good News Clubs as well as other children's classes are wonderful opportunities for Christian women to help children to know Christ, and to dedicate themselves to His service. Many children never hear about Christ in their homes but are still receptive to the gospel in their later years. Here is a good missionary opportunity.

In Matthew we read how Jesus called John and James, Zebedee's sons, to become His disciples. According to the Scriptures, their parent did not disapprove, although we must remember that in many cultures the sons are expected to follow their fathers in their business. These grown sons were already helping in their fathers trade but left all to serve Jesus.

Later in Matthew's account, we see how Salome, the mother of James and John, asked Jesus that her sons be honored with seats on either side of Him in His kingdom. Jesus' answer, although tenderly spoken, could be considered embarrassing or even discouraging. The other disciples were indignant. Eugenia Price in her book *God Speaks to Women Today* ably describes Salome. "This woman meant well. She had the interest of her sons at heart, and she acted on it. A commendable thing, humanly speaking. But in the shame of that moment on the road to Jerusalem, she became a new woman, with a new and true sense of responsibility. He showed her, and she saw that she could serve both her sons and Him in a deeper way. We know she saw this because every other mention of her in the gospel accounts is of quiet submissive service to Him in His terrible need. . . . Until He spoke to her as He did, on the eve of His own suffering, she simply did not see greatness in its true perspective. The world's concept of greatness is the exact reverse of God's concept of it."

Our motives as Christian mothers and women must be prayerfully examined. May we all be the missionary mothers that He wants us to be. ▼

Get Right With God!

I welcome every new-born day,
When I am right with God;
How quickly pass the hours away
When I am right with God.
As friend with friend with Him to talk,
And step by step with Him to walk,
By grace made right with God.

With lightsome feet I walk each mile,
When I am right with God;
I face life's duties with a smile,
When I am right with God;
I sing while carrying my cross,
And triumph over earthly loss,
When I am right with God.

How empty were the years before
My soul was right with God!
My mind was dark, my heart felt sore,
I was not right with God.
Nothing my restless will could still,
Till I was right with God.

The Saviour died and rose again,
To make us right with God;
And men profess His name in vain
If they're not right with God.
So let us, then, this very hour,
Lay hold by faith upon His power,
Get right, keep right, with God.

Max I. R.

WMC News

The national executive board met at the home of Mrs. Paul Dowdy at Winona Lake, Indiana, on March 1 and 2. All were present with the exception of Mrs. Elmer Tamkin who was unable to attend. Many items of business were on the agenda, among those the need for a lady to complete the term of second vice-president (program chairman) due to the resignation of Mrs. Merlin Schlange. Mrs. Thomas Hammers was contacted, and she graciously accepted the office. Further correspondence concerning the devotional program should be mailed to Mrs. Hammers. Her address is 604 Chestnut Street, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

We praise the Lord for His direction during these meetings and for all that has been accomplished. ▼



Seated (1 to r): Mrs. William Schaffer, Mrs. Richard Placeway, Mrs. Gerald Kelley, Mrs. Robert Ashman.

Standing (1 to r): Mrs. Earle Cole, Mrs. Kenneth Rucker, Mrs. Williard Smith, Mrs. Paul Dowdy.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Africa—

Rev. Lester W. Kennedy July 4
B. P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Don G. Hocking July 15
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Robert S. Williams July 15
Batangafo via Bangui, Central African Republic

James Randall Hocking July 20, 1954
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Joyce Marie Kennedy July 24, 1964
B. P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Marian Thurston July 24
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

Mrs. Solon W. Hoyt July 29
Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Brazil—

Kenneth Paul Burk July 3, 1961
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Frederick John Hodgdon July 9, 1964
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Mr. Earle C. Hodgdon July 18
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

George Allen Hodgdon July 26, 1961
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

France—

Rev. James R. Renick July 17
Chateau de St. Albain, 71—Fleurville, France

In the United States—

Jacqueline Elaine Dickson July 1, 1958
580 Harter Ave., Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Mrs. Ralph Schwartz July 1
48 Lambert St., Hatfield, Pennsylvania 19440

Bruce Austin Robbins July 5, 1953
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Mrs. Floyd Taber July 8
101 4th St., Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Miss Florence Bickel July 10
105 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Dr. Orville D. Jobson July 11
Box 420, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Dr. Austin Robbins July 11
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Sylvia Monica Fay July 20, 1953
110 Fremont Sq., Montebello, California 90640

Mrs. Orville D. Jobson July 21
Box 420, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Wilma Esther Mason July 25, 1955
159 Orchard Dr., Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103

Miss Margaret Hull July 27
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Miss Lois Ringler July 30
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Remember Ladies!

Last Month for FMS Offering

Jewish and Birthday Offerings Due June 10



. . . with our thoughts.

With longing all my heart is filled
That like Him I may be,
As on the wondrous thought I dwell
That Christ liveth in me!
—D. W. Whittle

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God's Word Is for Today, Too

Have you ever read a good book? A book that is never dull? One that tells about the past, present, and future, and is never wrong?

This book is not hard to get. You can buy one at any good bookstore. Every family should have at least one copy of this book.

I think you know by now what book I'm talking about—the Bible.

If you had been born sometime around the eighteenth century, reading the Bible would be the only education you would have had. What a good way to get an education and learn to know your heavenly Father all at the same time!

But this is the 20th century. Still, reading the Bible is the best education anyone could ever have—not just reading the Bible, but studying it as one would study a favorite subject in school.

Don't make reading the Bible a chore. If a quiet place is chosen to read, it will be surprising how very interesting the Bible really is.

The best time to read the Bible is in the morning before the worldly things of the earth fill your mind with unclean thoughts. If there is time, read the Bible before going to bed to clean your mind of the things that have gone through your mind during the day.

People may make fun of those who read the Bible daily, but actually, by keeping a daily quiet time and talking with the Lord, problems will all melt away. The things of the earth will not matter. It is the things of the future that are important, especially knowing where that future will be spent (eternally). ▼

Phyllis Houts, an SMM girl from the Rittman, Ohio, church, was one of the eight girls from the Northern Ohio District to be on the SMM Honor Roll this year. After having read the Bible through in one year to attain this honor, Phyllis has some important things to say about Bible reading.



Special Notice to All SMM Groups

As soon as your Martha Goal #1 has been completed, send the information on page 18 immediately to the national SMM vice-president in order to be compiled for reports at national conference. (Refer to SMM Handbook, pages 29 and 64.)

See SMM Evaluation Form, Page 18

Jesus Knows My Name

In this digitally conscious world in which we live, I am known by a multitude of series of numbers. My address, telephone, area code, zip code, driver's license, social security, bank account, charge accounts, insurance accounts and on and on are all made up of numbers. Even my offering envelope at church is numbered. No matter what it may be, scholastic, business, pleasure or even spiritual, I am given a series of numbers. Want to throw the largest business in the world into a quandry? Just call them and give them your name.

Even at my "friendly" neighborhood supermarket, where I am able to cash my already numbered check, I am known as L-22 . . . which to me sounds more like a secret ingredient in some toothpaste.

What ever happened to that cuddly, warm, human infant wrought by God's miracle? Somehow I became a rectangular card, punched full of holes, given birth to by a mechanical monster known as a digital or analytical computer, whose only concern for my welfare is that I not be folded, spindled or mutilated.

Even in death, the world will give me a number. But, I've beaten them there. I have a promise in Revelation 3:5, "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his *name* out of the book of life, but I will confess his *name* before my Father, and before his angels." Glory to God for his infinite wisdom; he doesn't need I. B. M. to keep track of me, because Jesus knows my name.

If you haven't allowed Jesus to write your name in his book of life, it's like this: you came into this world with a name, and you'll go out of it as nothing more than a number.—*Jan LaRue, Westminster, Calif.* ▼

SMM Evaluation Sheet

Every girl who has memorized a book of the Bible or read the entire Bible through *must* report the completion of her goal on the blank and send it by July 15 to Miss Linda Edmiston, Grace College, Box 633, Winona Lake, Indiana, 46590.

I, _____, have completed my personal goal of

(1) memorizing the book of _____

(2) reading my Bible through during the past year.

Signed _____

Patroness _____

Pastor _____

Date _____

I am a: junior middler senior (circle one)

I will be attending conference this year. ☐ Yes ☐ No

My address is: _____

Check one of the following:

For memorization of a book

- ☐ $15.00 toward national youth conference
- ☐ $ 7.50 toward material ordered from Missionary Herald Company
- ☐ Key necklace (seniors only)
- ☐ Two SMM sweatshirts—one green and one white.

For Seniors reading the Bible through

- ☐ Key necklace
- ☐ Living Prophecies
- ☐ A Christian book

For Middlers reading the Old Testament

- ☐ Living Proverbs and Psalms
- ☐ A Christian book

For Juniors reading the New Testament

- ☐ Living Letters
- ☐ A Christian book

Church News

CHANGES. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph J. Colburn, 5885 Downey Avenue, Long Beach, Calif. 90805. Rev. and Mrs. Quentin Matthes, Route 1, Telford, Tenn. 37690. Dr. and Mrs. Elias D. White, 1614 Deventer Drive, La Verne, Calif. 91750.

WE APOLOGIZE. The April 6 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* contained an article "He Did It All for Me." The author's name was inadvertently omitted. This excellent article was written by Mrs. Williard Smith, who is the recording secretary of our national WMC.

NOTICE. The price of church offering envelopes will increase on July 1. Complete information and order blanks have been mailed to all pastors, and if your church hasn't ordered envelopes for 1969, you'll want to place your order before the price change becomes effective. Order your needs from the Missionary Herald—prices are competitive, and all profits are used to expand the Herald's free-literature ministry.

MARTINSBURG, PA. John R. Terrell has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church. He has accepted a call from the Patterson Park Church, Dayton, Ohio, to be associate pastor and to assume an administrative position in the church's Christian Day School. His resignation is effective on June 16, 1968. The Jubilee Quartet of Memphis, Tenn., will present a sacred concert at the church on May 22.

SOUTH BEND, IND. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bunch, members of the Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on March 31. Also, the pastor, Rev. Sherwood Durkee, reports that his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Durkee of Williamston, Mich., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 26.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Rev. John Zielasko, general secretary of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society, spoke at the First Brethren Church on April 7. Mr. and Mrs. George Peters and Mr. and Mrs. David Shargel also participated in the service. M. L. Myers, pastor.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. On the evening of Jan. 23, Dr. John Whitcomb was speaker for the combined congregations of the Grace Brethren Church and the Calvary Baptist Church. More than 200 people attended the service. An individual gift of $30 and a gift of $53.50 from the WMC group at Meyersdale (Pa.) Grace Brethren Church enabled the church to purchase communion supplies. On March 9 a beach party for teen-agers was sponsored by the church, during which two converted hippies gave their testimonies. Dale C. Hostetler, pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Jensen are announcing the birth of Sherri Marie Jensen. She was born on March 23 and weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces. Rev. Jensen is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Joy Diehl and Daniel Simington, Jan. 27, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa.

Karen Louise Neil and Vernon Ross Nicodemus, Jr., March 16, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

Mary Hope Beaver and Stephen Lyman Hoffman, April 6, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Wanda Jean Carpenter and Gary Paul Sparks, April 6, Grace Brethren Church, Brookville, Ohio.



WAYNESBORO, PA. Missionaries Clark and Eunice Miller and son, David, were honored with a farewell reception at the First Brethren Church on March 24. The Millers left on March 30 to return to Argentina for their second term of missionary service. A cash gift was presented to them with which to buy furniture, and a humorous skit was presented which portrayed problems that would possibly be encountered at the airport. Wendell E. Kent, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Young, members of the First Brethren Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

MONTCLAIR, CALIF. Forty children made decisions for Christ on the first four Sundays of a six-week Sunday school youth rally at the Grace Brethren Church. Mr. Nelson Faye of Argentina filled the pulpit while the pastor, Rev. Allen Herr, was away conducting special week-long meetings recently.

HATBORO, PA. Forty-four public decisions for Christ were made in an eight-day crusade with Evangelist Bill Smith at the Suburban Brethren Church recently. Eighteen of the decisions were for salvation. The people of the church distributed more than 2,500 copies of the tract "Have You Heard About God's Gift?" by Dean Risser. These tracts were provided by the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. as a part of its literature distribution service. The many decisions for Christ are evidence of God's blessing upon the work being done for Him. Rev. Smith wishes to thank Rev. William Steffler, pastor, and the entire church family for their preparation and faithfulness during these meetings.

TAOS, N. MEX. Mark Eugene Stevens was born on Jan. 20 and weighed 8 pounds and 8½ ounces. His proud parents are Rev. and Mrs. Bill Stevens. Rev. Stevens is pastor of the Canon Brethren Church. Recent speakers at the church were Chaplain John Schumacher, Rev. Terry Delaney of the American Mission to the Jews, and Rev. Richard Messner, representing Grace Schools.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum are planning to take an extended tour of Israel, Greece, and Turkey in August. They will visit the sites of the seven churches of Revelation. In 1965 they visited the European and Scandanavian countries. Rev. Kriegbaum is dean of students at Grace College, and Mrs. Kriegbaum teaches at the freshman high school in Warsaw, Ind.

WHEATON, ILL. Rev. Dean Fetterhoff has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, effective July 7, to return to the field of evangelism and to serve in business administration with the Wheaton Christian Grammar School where he has worked part-time as the Director of Public Relations for the past two years. In the future Rev. Fetterhoff will conduct fifteen weeks of evangelistic meetings per year while working with the school.

GREENSBURG, PA. A Brethren Bible class is being taught every Monday night at 7 p.m. by Pastors Don Rough and Ralph Burns of Johnstown with the purpose of forming a new church. The class is divided into an adult group and a children's group, and meets in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wise, R. R. 8, Box 334, Joyce Drive, S. Greensburg. Attendance at the Bible class for two consecutive weeks was 37 and 35. All visitors are welcome.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Dr. J. Garber Drushal has been elected president of Wooster College. Before his elevation to the presidency of the college, he served as professor, dean, and acting president. He is the son of the late G. E. Drushal, who with his wife was founder and long-time director of Riverside Institute at Lost Creek, Ky.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Wheaton (Ill.) Christian Grammar School won its second straight championship in the junior high invitational basketball tournament of the Ohio Christian School Athletic Conference. The two-day event was held at Mansfield Christian School. Approximately 100 boys representing eight Christian schools from three states put out maximum effort in 11 hard-played, exciting games. Bob Davenport, football coach at Taylor University, Upland, Ind., was the speaker at a banquet for more than 200 tourney participants and fans. The former all-American football player at UCLA brought a dynamic challenge to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Host Mansfield took the second-place trophy; Peoria, Ill., finished third, and Cleveland and Indianapolis won consolation awards. Other teams entered were from Cuyahoga Falls and Cincinnati, Ohio, and Fort Wayne, Ind. Parents and friends of Mansfield Christian provided overnight lodging for 150 visitors.

KENT, WASH. May 12 was "Entrance Sunday" for the Grace Brethren Church congregation. It was on this date that they moved into their new building which seats 250 people. Rev. Lester E. Pifer was the guest speaker for the dedication service. Phillip J. Simmons, pastor.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

DOWNS, Mrs. Ethel H., the mother of Mrs. Herbert Bess, Winona Lake, Ind., died on March 20 in San Leandro, Calif. Mrs. Downs wrote the poem "Not Alone" which appeared in the Feb. 10 issue of the *Herald.* Although she was confined to a wheelchair for the past five years, she carried on a faithful prayer ministry, and she was especially interested in Grace Schools.

TWIGG, Silas B., 78, died on March 25. He had been a faithful member of the Meyersdale (Pa.) Grace Brethren Church for several years. William H. Snell, pastor.

MACKEY, Harold C., 68, a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Kent, Wash., died on March 27. Although retired as a school teacher, he continued to be an active and able Bible teacher. His daughter, Marcia, is a senior at Grace College, and his son, Mark, has served at the Brethren Navajo Mission. Phillip J. Simmons, pastor.

HOOPER, Mrs. Ila, died on March 25. She was faithful in attendance at the Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich. C. A. Flowers, pastor.



BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH. The Grace Brethren Church was privileged to have a musical group "The Heralders" from Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music for the morning service on March 10. With 70 people attending Sunday school, and 87 attending the church service, all previous attendance records were broken. The musical testimony was followed by a short message delivered by Robert McIntyre, the registrar for the school and a former graduate of Grace Seminary. The service was followed by a carry-in dinner. Robert Poirier, pastor.

PARAPHRASES

R. Weymouth, *The New Testament in Modern Speech,* Hodder and Stoughton and others, publishers; 1902 and other editions.

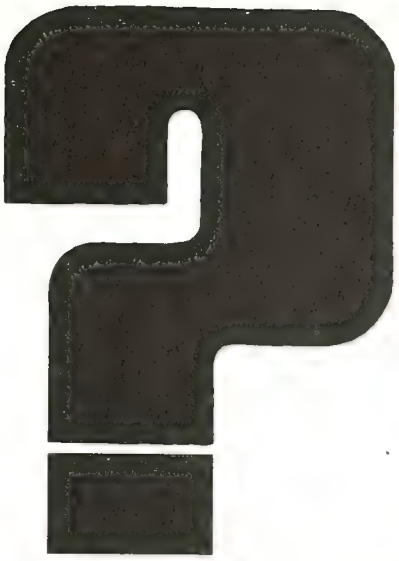
This is one of the first private modern speech versions. Weymouth first ascertained the sense of the Greek text and then proceeded to express that sense in twentieth century English. In other words, Weymouth was interested in how an inspired writer would have written had he lived in this age. The value of Greek verbs, shades of meaning of words used and a keen appreciation of Greek cases are all reflected in this translation. Note how I John 1:6 is translated, ". . . while we are living in darkness," or, note the expression in Luke 15:1, "Now the tax-gatherers and the notorious sinners were everywhere in the habit of coming close to Him to listen to Him."

In general the earlier editions were doctrinally sound. Later editions, revised by Weymouth's successors were influenced by liberal doctrine, but if one is careful, even the later editions, can be helpful in throwing light on the meaning of the text. Possibly the waning popularity of Weymouth in later years was due to competing translations.

Twentieth Century New Testament, Moody Press, 1961.

This British translation began in a very interesting way. In 1890 a mother and pastor's wife, Mrs. Mary Higgs, together with Ernest Malan, an engineer, began a joint effort to produce a translation in everyday speech that young people could understand. They were joined gradually by more housewives, businessmen and ministers until the committee had grown to thirty-five people, including three recognized scholars.

Their work was done with meticulous care and a thoroughly sound procedure. The final edition of the New Testament was released in 1904. This was reprinted with some small changes by Moody Press in 1961. Along with Weymouth's version it has the distinction of being one of the first modern-speech version. In many respects its excellencies have not been improved upon during more than sixty years of further translations.



WHICH VERSION SHALL I USE?

BY
ALAN JOHNSON
and LOUIS GOLDBERG

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of two installments of an article on versions reprinted by permission of Moody Monthly. *Doubtless many of our readers will want to file this installment with the first one which appeared in the April 6 issue of the* Missionary Herald.)

TCNT contains a minimum of paraphrase and interpretation. Notwithstanding the small and cramped print of the Moody edition, this translation shows both accuracy and clarity and deserves to be more widely read.

Charles B. Williams *The New Testament in the Language of the People,* Moody Press, 1957.

This was translated and first published in 1937 by C. B. Williams, then professor of Greek at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, and reprinted by Moody Press in several editions. It is noted primarily for its accuracy in rendering the tenses, word pictures and fine shades of grammatical meaning in the Greek which are usually passed over in other versions. While it lacks something in literary quality and smoothness, it rewards the careful reader of the New Testament by additional help from the Greek in a modern speech rendering.

This translation is not to be confused with the *New Testament in Plain English* by Charles Kingsley Williams, 1949, reprinted by Eerdmans, 1963, which is an excellent basic English version with about a 2,000 word vocabulary suitable for youngsters or foreigners learning English.

William F. Beck, *The New Testament in the Language of Today,* Concordia, 1963.

Prompted by the desire to put the New Testament in "living language of today and tomorrow," William F. Beck, aided by the most recent manuscripts and papyri discoveries, in 1963 published a completely new translation. It has also been included in the *Four Translation New Testament,* published in 1966 by Moody Press. NTLT is generally free from interpretation and paraphrase. It does a good job of following the Greek text and at the same time does attempt to render the words in their nearest single English equivalent. For example, "Behold" in the AV becomes "look" in the NTLT; "serpent" in the AV is simply "snake" in Beck's rendering. In our opinion, Beck's version is generally accurate and clear but lacks good English style and forcefulness.

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James Moffatt, *The Bible,* Harper and Row, New York, 1950, 1952, also earlier editions.

The first complete Bible translation was published by James Moffatt in 1926. It was an attempt to provide a completely new version that would produce the same effect as the original text on those who read and heard it. Moffatt was a careful scholar especially in the New Testament which is the best of his efforts. The version is free and quite vigorous. It does not sound like the familiar AV (e.g., Gen. 1:1, "This is the story of how the universe was formed"). Finer shades of meaning in the Greek tenses are graphically brought out in the New Testament (cf. I John 1:6; Rom. 8:13). At least one recognized evangelical scholar feels that Moffatt's version is the best to read through quickly for the argument of a book, especially in the prophets or epistles (F. F. Bruce).

In spite of these qualities, Moffatt's version has serious weaknesses. He affirmed that he found "freedom from the theory of verbal inspiration" and this view is reflected in his rendering of some of the great doctrinal passages of Old and New Testaments: In the Pentateuch, in accord with the documentary theory, he attempted to indicate the multiple authors by alternating Roman and italic type. He also rearranged the text as he thought best in some places (cf. John 13-16), and since he held to a diminished view of the deity of Christ, he reduced to a minimum the great passages on that doctrine (e.g., John 1:1-5; Phil. 2:5-8; Col. 1:15-18; Heb. 1:3). The virgin birth of Christ is questioned by a decidedly inferior text reading that refers to Joseph as "the father of Jesus" (Matt. 1:16); in another instance the reading, "Thou art my son, today have I become thy Father" is definitely a step in the wrong direction.

The reader who is aware of these tendencies may profit from Moffatt, but we do not recommend it for the average person.

J. B. Phillips, *The New Testament in Modern English,* Macmillan Co., New York, 1958; J. B. Phillips, *Four Prophets,* Macmillan Co., New York, 1963.

This is a private venture which has enjoyed a tremendous response. It was the pressure of a ministry to young people during World War II that encouraged Phillips to produce a translation of the New Testament epistles which young people could understand. After World War II, a series of translations covered the whole of the New Testament.

This version is highly colloquial: a deliberate presentation of vivid and idiomatic language, using praphrase very freely to bring out the meaning of difficult passages.

With the *Four Prophets,* Phillips began a translation from the Old Testament using Amos, Hosea, Micah, and Isaiah 1-35. These four prophetical passages were chosen because of their relevance today. Phillips admits that the Old Testament cannot be translated as quickly and readily as the New. Also, due to the Hebrew language, and prophetic material, there is the indication that the translation is not so "free" as the New Testament.

On the whole, the Old Testament work is a good and intelligible translation, although some objectionable features might be cited. In Isaiah 6:5, for example, the prophet is described as a "foul mouthed man" which can have an altogether different doctrinal meaning than the AV of a man of "unclean lips." Hosea 2:2 reads, "Tell her to wash the paint from her face," instead of "Let her put away her harlotries from before her presence," thus giving the passage a different connotation than what was intended. In general, however, many a difficult passage has been clarified while paragraph headings are an aid to understanding.

F. F. Bruce, *The Letters of Paul,* Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., 1965.

Here is an avowed extended paraphrase by one of England's greatest evangelical New Testament scholars, F. F. Bruce, now Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis in the University of Manchester. These paraphrased epistles began as material prepared by Bruce for a young people's conference, then were published in the *Evangelical Quarterly* and now by Eerdmans.

Bruce points out that in a paraphrase "the paraphrast includes much more of his own interpretation and exposition than a translator would deem proper." Therefore, the accuracy of such a rendering hinges largely on the scholarly ability of the translator. To guard against false conclusion from his paraphrase, Bruce has included on each facing page the English Revised Version which he deems the most accurate literal rendering.

The stature of Bruce's scholarship in his breadth of understanding of Pauline literature is well recognized. Consequently, his work in the area of translation is one of the best and deserves a side reading. Our hope is that Bruce might consent to do the whole of the New Testament.

Kenneth Taylor, *Living Letters,* Tyndale House, Wheaton, Ill., 1962. Also, *Living Prophecies,* 1965; *Living Gospels,* 1966.

Over one million copies of *Living Letters* are in circulation. Also, we understand that one million copies of *Living Gospels* have been printed. *Living Prophecies* includes the minor prophets, Daniel, and Revelation.

There is an undeniable freshness and clarity in Taylor's style that awakens reader interest. This is largely due to the paraphrast's skill in using colloquial speech and free rendering of passages. Another reason for the clarity is interpretive selection. In practically every instance where the Hebrew or Greek texts are ambiguous, allowing alternatives, Taylor has adopted one view and rendered it clearly.

For example, the problem of what kind of faith James is talking about is decided by the additional interpretive word "real" faith (2:20); the problem of the sense of "she shall be saved in childbearing" (AV) is interpreted in *Living Letters as* "He will save their souls" (I Tim. 2:15); the meaning of "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" is fixed by the interpretive paraphrase, "For how can we walk together with your sins between us?" (Amos 3:3). This leads to clarity, to be sure, but it also fixes interpretation when equally sound alternate views are possible.

Much of Taylor's paraphrase is plainly commentary and should be so recognized. Paraphrase involves the modernized English equivalent

of what is in the text itself, while the commentary introduces something which is not there in order to elucidate the meaning which is there. For example, in John 1:11, Taylor adds the whole sentence, "Only a few would welcome and receive Him." Besides being historically inaccurate, this statement is not in the Greek text, but the reader is not informed of this. In I Corinthians 7:14 one has only to read the AV against Taylor's rendering to perceive the above point. This is not to say that this method does not have value, especially when the author is evangelical as Taylor is; but the reader must recognize the work for what it is—a more or less free paraphrase rather than an accurate translation.

In the language of the preface to *Living Letters,* "They communicate the message of Christ to our generation," and we recommend their reading to all who want a fresh, sweeping view of Scripture in modern English and idiom.

EXPANDED VERSIONS

Amplified Bible, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1965.

The *Amplified Bible* appeared in several stages, culminating in the whole Bible edition of 1965. Readers and reviewers will do well to consult this later edition which has been extensively revised, especially in the Old Testament. There is no question as to the popularity of this translation which has exceeded the million copy mark in the New Testament and will possibly meet this mark for the whole Bible edition in a few years.

The translation is new and generally accurate in the revised edition. As its chief feature it amplifies different shades of meaning in the original Hebrew and Greek by multiplying English words. For example, whereas in Isaiah 7:14 the King James Version reads, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive," the AB has, "Behold, the young woman who is unmarried and a virgin, shall conceive." Footnotes bring together a multitude of conservative comments on the text on every page. There is no doubt that many have found help and edification through the AB approach.

While in some instances it is no doubt helpful to have more than one English word for the original, one should be warned that out of the several shades of meaning represented by the various word amplifications, only one—not all—of the meanings fit a given context. In other words, though a single English word seldom says all an author intended, a multiplication of words usually says more than he actually meant to convey.

Some find that the excessive word multiplications produce laborious reading. Consider, for example, I Corinthians 10:13 which has forty-nine words in the King James version, but the AB has nearly one hundred words! Does this really help? Readers, however, will continue to find enrichment in the understanding of Scripture through the approach of the AB.

"... the crying in our day is for translations of the Word of God into human lives."

Kenneth S. Wuest, *The New Testament, An Expanded Translation,* Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., 1961.

Kenneth S. Wuest, late professor of Greek at Moody Bible Institute, has provided what he calls an expanded translation using "as many English words as are necessary to bring out the richness, force, the clarity of the Greek text." The translation is intended as "a companion to, or commentary on, the standard translation."

Wuest has attempted to stay clear of paraphrase and interpretation. The translation is commendable for attempting to reproduce the feeling of the Greek text as a Greek student would read it. For example, the AV of Luke 15:20 reads, ". . . and fell on his neck and kissed him," while Wuest translates, ". . . he fell on his neck and tenderly kissed him again and again." This reproduced, in Wuest's opinion, the force of the Greek. Sometimes the expansion gets out of hand as in Acts 17:18 where the one Greek word *spermologos* (AV, "babbler") is rendered, "This ignorant plagiarist, picking up scraps of information here and there, unrelated in his own thinking and passing them off as the result of his own mature thought."

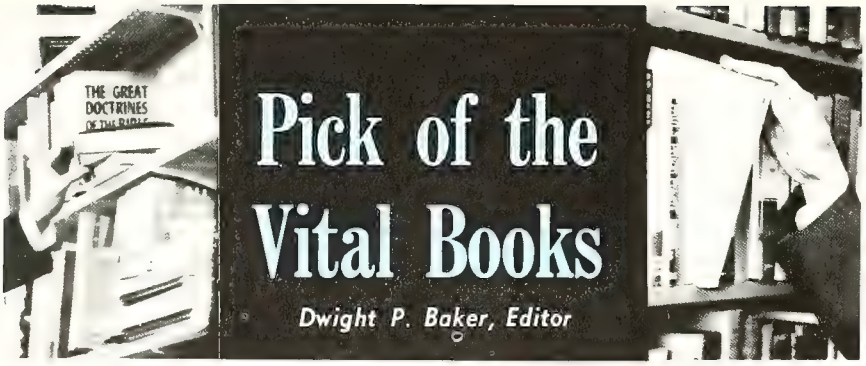
CONCLUSION

What translation, then, is best? The answer depends upon what you are using it for. In our day the two primary criteria for evaluating a translation are accuracy and clarity. In the judgment of these reviewers, no single translation combines both these features in every detail. We suggest for purposes of accuracy the *American Standard Version* (1901) in the Old Testament, and for the New Testament the *New American Standard Version* (1960) as well as the *King James Version* should be used.

From the standpoint of clarity, it is difficult to say which of the many good paraphrased and expanded versions is best. Compare several verses in different versions and judge for yourself which renderings make the passage clearest without altering the sense of the standard versions. Be alert for the theological bias.

Finally, do not limit yourself to any one translation, regardless of its merits. Augustine was right in noting, "Variety of translations is profitable for finding out the sense of the Scriptures." While we suggest the more literal versions for reading in public worship and sermons with supplementary remarks from the paraphrased translations, the alternate use of modern translations for private and family devotions is rewarding.

One final suggestion may be offered in the words of the late Dr. H. A. Ironside. When asked his opinion as to which translation was the best, he once remarked, "The best translation of the Bible I've ever seen is my mother." While we in no way deplore the multiplicity of new versions, more than ever the crying need in our day is for translations of the Word of God into human lives. ▼



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How to Give a Devotion

Muriel Larson (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1967), 107 pages, $2.50.

Here is a practical little book written by an experienced woman which will give confidence in the teaching of God's Word. Covering personal devotions, family devotions, and group devotions, the examples give a stimulus for one's own devotions and assistance in the preparation and presentation of devotional messages to others.

For any woman who desires to speak but feels her own inadequacy, this book contains the instruction and encouragement needed. Muriel Larson tells where to get ideas, how to prepare them, and how to present them. She has provided an invaluable aid for the president, program chairman, or spiritual life chairman of any women's group.—*Mrs. Thomas Hammers*

People Who Care

C. W. Brister (Nashville, Tennessee: Broadman Press, 1967), 128 pages, $1.50.

This little book by a Southern Baptist seminary professor is one of a current spate of publications which call the Christian to come out of his monastic cell and become "involved."

It is directed to laymen, giving a brief review of some of the problems facing us in this troubled world, with practical suggestions as to how the dedicated nonprofessionally-trained Christian can be a witness by responding to need. "Christian concern . . . is never satisfactory until it becomes personal" (page 47). "Your interest and comradely care will prove more effective than giving advice or rejecting a worrier" (page 67).

Helpful suggestions for home and hospital visitation abound.

The generally good content of the book is somewhat offset by a bibliography which recommends that for help in one's prayer life he should read Barth and the radical liberals Fosdick and Buttrick (among others). —*Andrew E. Auxt*

Learning to Lead

Gaines S. Dobbins (Nashville, Tennessee: Broadman Press, 1968), paper, 127 pages, $1.95.

A high point in this book is chapter three. It is a real measuring stick for present leaders as well as potential ones. Some of the questions at the end of the chapters are potent and worthy of attention, but many are too academic. The book's greatest weakness is that it treats church leadership problems as a business to be solved by organization and formulae.

Learning to Lead is easy, interesting reading and contains many thought-provoking principles and verbal illustrations. It might be profitably used to encourage potential lay leaders to meet the present need for leadership.—*John McKay*

The Women of the Bible

Herbert Lockyer (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1967), 321 pages, $4.95.

This is the latest addition to Lockyer's "All" series. Among former titles in this series are *All the Men of the Bible* and *All the Promises of the Bible*. In order to be encyclopedic in scope, Lockyer discusses each of the women named in the Bible, then for safety's sake catalogs the unnamed women referred to in Scripture. If you have not recently surveyed the information available on the "Woman of Tekoah," turn to page 193. The longest article, eight pages, is given, of course, to the Virgin Mary.

The treatment of Rachel analyzes her lack of protest when Leah was given to Jacob in her stead. The interesting conclusion is reached that "perhaps the deep, unchanging love Jacob had for Rachel found little echo from her own heart." The apocryphal conclusion to *Quo Vadis?* is picked up as "a touching legend" in the comments on Peter's wife.

Lockyer provides a useful summary of all the Biblical references to each woman, very little additional reliable information, and a surplusage of "devotional" comments. Suggestions for women's meetings and sample programs are included.

Book Notes

The Pilgrim's Progress, John Bunyan (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1967), xxii + 408 pages, $4.95. Baker has reissued a superior edition of Bunyan's famous allegory. The volume is illustrated with numerous engravings, and contains a sketch of Bunyan's life.

Beloved World, Eugenia Price (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, reprint 1967), paper, 474 pages, $1.95. This is a reissue in soft cover of Price's Bible story book. The connected, narrative style makes it excellent for older children.

Any of the books reviewed on this page may be ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. We pay postage.

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The Editor Speaks . . . By Clyde K. Landrum

You'll Be Glad You Did!

How is your stock doing these days? Up or down? Is the corporation aggressive? forward-looking? Are plans in the making for higher dividends? People are extremely interested these days in the answers to these and other questions pertaining to their investments.

Should Christians be less interested in their spiritual investments? or Brethren people in their investments in mission works carried on by our denominational corporations? They should not be, but I fear they are! Proof of my statement lies in the fact that such a small percentage of Brethren people have memberships in our various corporations, in spite of the fact that there are such exciting reasons for being members.

I would like to present an illustration, and give a challenge. Consider the ministry of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. It represents the publication interests of our church. It publishes the Gospel through gospel portions, tracts, books, and Sunday-school and Vacation-Bible-School literature, distributing much of this through its free literature fund. It works closely with every movement within The Brethren Church, assisting in every way possible to get the Good News out to the ends of the earth. It is truly a missionary endeavor.

Sound exciting? Surely does! But how many of our Brethren people are "stockholders" in this fine corporation? How many people are investing regularly in it? How many people are voting members, participating in the direction of the work and receiving regular reports on their investment? Too few—only a small percentage of our membership. This is sad. But, there's something we can do about it. I'd like to see us do a thorough job of correcting this situation during the "Herald Emphasis Period" in June and July, and thereby demonstrate what can be done in the case of all our Brethren corporations. Herein lies the challenge!

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Let us set the goal high and aim for every member of The Brethren Church (man, woman, and child) to become members of the Herald Company Corporation. This is the kind of goal that is pleasing to the Lord and that brings results. Everyone is needed. Everyone is wanted. Everyone is invited to get in on the blessings! As this becomes a reality, we are all going to have a part in the affairs of the Herald Company and in accomplishing the job that the Lord has given to The Brethren Church in the field of gospel literature.

Will you be a participant? Why not make it a "family project"? As you receive the reports of God's blessing, you'll be glad you did! ▼

Missionary Education needed in our churches?

BY LESTER E. PIFER



The missionary program of the average church reflects only the efforts of a faithful pastor or a faithful few who give, strive to promote, or put on a "missionary drive" for a few months. Our lack of concentration throughout the entire year reveals that missionary interest is based upon special interests—drives to meet a needed goal or special needs—rather than a systematic program of missionary education.

Too often local churches expect the missionary boards to educate the congregation through propaganda, news releases, and missionary articles in the church periodical; or the whole matter of missionary education is laid upon the lap of the locally supported missionary or the few missionaries attending the annual missionary conference. In so many cases missionary education is neglected until the adult stage. It is expected that mother and dad will read the facts, give the offerings, and do the praying.

Upon whom does the responsibility for missionary education and work rest? Is the program of missions the responsibility only of those individuals who feel a special interest in such a cause? Or should missions be considered the responsibility of the church as a whole? Is the Christian family apart from the local church's program to carry on a process of missionary education as well? The Bible gives both a corporate and individual responsibility (Matt. 28:19-20; II Tim. 2:2).

The fact that there is such a prominent individualistic attitude prevalent

reflects in a large measure our lack of unity, purpose, and missionary curriculum. The rapid growth of independent missions – the increasing number of individual missionaries launching their own programs—has left its unmistakable mark on our mission programs of the National Fellowship. It is heart rending to see some of our choice, talented, and qualified young people going with independent boards when they are direly needed on Brethren fields at home and abroad. Probably this is one of the strongest arguments for a coordinated, systematic, missionary educational program in our church.

It seems apparent that such a program cannot become a reality until the local churches see a need for it. Dr. Harold R. Cook, eminent authority and writer on missions says, "First is the responsibility to recognize that missions is a part of the church's essential ministry. It is a question of whether the church is going to minister to its own little group or extend its ministry to those who are outside. It is a question of a self-centered ministry or a ministry that looks beyond self to the needs of others. We don't need to worry about the artificial distinction between home missions and foreign missions. The church that feels keenly the need to reach out and minister to lost souls in its own community can never stop there. A compassionate interest in others isn't even stopped by national boundaries. Once we turn our look outward, the field is the world."

The local leadership must evaluate its present program to see its inconsistency, its weakness, and its shortcomings, and build a program of positive missionary education upon excellencies which we may have. We have willing talent that can be designated for this leadership responsibility in the average church. We have good, sound missionary organizations that need missionaries, financial support, prayer help, and most of all recruits for missionary fields now beckoning. Our pastors are fully capable of holding the dynamic challenge before their people with positive, systematic programs of missionary education from the pulpit. The early church did this (Acts 13:1-5).

For years the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has raised all its missionary funds through a consistent educational program in every class of the Sunday school. The Grace Brethren Church of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and others are following this same program with much success. The success is seen in personal interest, financial support, prayer ministry, and missionary recruits.

The Christian family must also evaluate its educational program. Mother and dad have seven days a week to hold the missionary ideal, missionary needs, and the scriptural basis of missions before their children. Some of our greatest missionaries credit this training with their call to the mission field. This educational program effectively and systematically carried out as a family-altar program could supersede all the weaknesses of the local church (Deut. 6:7; Prov. 22:6).

The home and foreign mission boards are joining with Grace Schools in the appointment and support of Rev. Frederick Fogle as head of the missions department at Grace Seminary, further augmenting a program already existent in Grace College. However, we are well aware that this may be too late in the life of those coming for higher education. The dye may be cast as far as life commitment is concerned before this time.

The Brethren Home Missions Council will continue to do its level best with what limited resources we have to help any church family or missionary committee to more effectively educate for a stronger missionary emphasis. We all must be aware of the fact that our rapidly growing fellowship of Bible-teaching churches has a vastly greater potential in missionary activity than we have already displayed. ▼

Faith Is "Alive" in Richland, Washington

"Faith without works is dead," but this is not for the Brethren of Richland, Washington. These Brethren who do not have a building of their own—nor even property on which to build—have a new pulpit and have faith that someday they will have a building of their own in which to use it.

When the need arose for a pulpit in their present meeting place (the YMCA), Mr. Milo Gould offered to supply the materials for it if the pastor, Nelson Hall, who is an excellent carpenter, would build it. The pastor accepted the offer, and on Sunday, March 24, 1968, the new pulpit was dedicated in memory of Mr. Gould's mother, Otie Gould.

The new pulpit was accepted by trustees Clifford Shockley and William Clark. Mr. Gould gave a short testimony following the presentation. He is a member of the church's visitation team and has a great burden for the City of Richland.

The Brethren Home Missions Council has faith in the Richland Brethren, and on February 1, 1968, Pastor Nelson Hall began a full-time ministry with them. He had been on a self-supporting basis previously. ▼



Left to right: Clifford Shockley, William Clark, Pastor Nelson Hall, and Milo Gould.

HOME MISSION FIELD REPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (Jerry Young, pastor). Praise God for five people who received Christ during the month of March. On March 31 we began a five-week loyalty program, "Crown Him King." We already have 87 people enrolled in the Sunday school.

MINERVA, OHIO (Dennis Beach, pastor). We are in the process of purchasing a church location and have set a goal to pay for the property by the end of 1968. We already had about 1/3 of the cost in our building fund. The Brethren Architectural Service has been secured to provide the building plans.

ATLANTA, GA. (William Byers, pastor). We had a wonderful day (March 24) with one rededication of life and an all-time high of 31 people present. We have made a down payment on approximately 2½ acres of land but will need to get zoning approval for a church, and this requires 90 days. Pray for the granting of this approval.

GARDENA, CALIF. Rev. and Mrs. Bill Stevens are making plans to arrive here around June 1. The Stevens have been serving at Taos, N. Mex. for the past two and one-half years. The Gardena church has had interim pastors for some time with Rev. Bruce L. Button and presently, Dr. Harry Sturz.

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. The Good News Grace Brethren Church has been accepted as a national home-mission church. The work was started by Rev. Marion Thomas and has been assisted by the Northern Ohio District. Rev. Thomas has resigned, and John McKay, a Grace Seminary senior, has accepted the call, which will become effective after graduation.

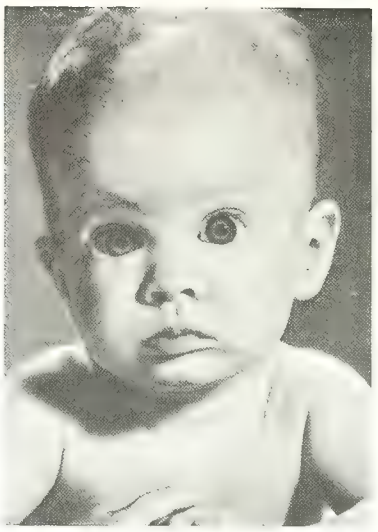
MAITLAND, FLA. (H. W. Koontz, pastor). The new building here is rapidly taking shape. We expect to complete it for around $50,000. Our property was paid for before we began the building. We plan to use the building within the next few months, but dedication will not be until sometime this fall.

STRATFORD, N. J. The Bible class started here by Rev. Lester E. Smitley is to become a full-time ministry in June. Rev. Daniel Eshleman has accepted the call to this new work and will move to the area after completing his ministry at Findlay, Ohio. The Stratford work was started by the district mission board of the North Atlantic District, and their support will help make a full-time pastor possible for this work.

SPOKANE, WASH. (Don Farner, pastor). The old church building has been sold to another church group. We praise the Lord for disposition of these facilities and for providing a good meeting place (a school) for the development of our new location in Opportunity, Wash.

JACKSON, MICH. (Gilbert Hawkins, pastor). We set a new record of 105 people in Sunday school on March 31. Since the first of the year, we have seen six first-time decisions for Christ. We need more room and want to get started on a building program. Rev. Ralph Hall of the Brethren Architectural Service is to meet with us soon.

TUCSON, ARIZ. (Harold Painter, pastor). Our new organ, presented to the church by Mr. Waldo Crowder in memory of his wife, was dedicated on Sunday, April 21. Mr. and Mrs. James Bergthold of Hermosa Beach, Calif., furnished the music. There were two decisions for Christ in the evening service.



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By John S. Neely

During my years of pastoring, many Christians have often said to me when asked to go on door-to-door visitation, "My! Door-to-door visitation? Why I'd die! Ask me to do *anything*, but not that! Face-to-face in door-to-door witnessing? That's not for me!"

Since a large part of our work in the Brethren Messianic Testimony of Los Angeles is this type of witnessing, we are often asked by those who are interested in our work and the salvation of souls, "Don't you find door-to door calling difficult?" You would think after years of pastoring churches, time spent in full-time evangelism, and now in this ministry to the Jews, we would find it easy to do door-to-door evangelism. However, to the query of these interested friends I reply, "I sure do." I confess there have been times I have been tempted with the fleeting wish that no one would answer the door bell. As I reach the first door in the morning my knees still quake, and I feel a sinking feeling in the stomach. It is then that I lift a silent prayer to give me holy boldness. It is then I remember something Paul wrote—that God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. And so we go on, door-to-door, in His strength. We are glad we do, for we are more convinced now than ever before that this is the one way we can fulfill the command to go to every creature—and our responsibility in the Fairfax District is to do just that!

Many ask us about the reaction of our Jewish friends when the door opens and we come face to face with a Mrs. Dubin, or a Mr. Rosen, or some name which has a familiar Gentile slant, like "Smith." There are times, when we are spat upon, or Jewish imprecations are heaped on our goysher (Gentile) heads. Of the Jewish contacts, it seems to me that more than 99 and 44/100% treat us graciously, and those we are privileged to have in our classes show us genuine love. Indeed, these Jewish folks just creep into our hearts and stay there.

However, there are the few who give us the "rush." We have been told to "peddle our papers someplace else." Let us relate instances where we were given a hard time.

Sally and I had just visited a schule (synagogue) where we had heard a rabbi say that Jews were lovers of all people, that they desired peace, and that our group (our staff and some people from a Brethren church who had come to visit the synagogue) were welcome in the cause of ecumenicity. I believe it was our first day on the street after we heard him say this, and we had had about two minutes of smooth sailing in our visitation, when we came to the apartment house bearing the sign, "No agents, No solicitors, No Peddlers." Since we were none of these, we went upstairs to No. 5, rang the bell and waited. Inside we heard bustling and soon the door opened. The face of the man as we handed him our literature was dark, scowling, and foreboding. Did this mean trouble? I explained that the *Mediator* contained the common beliefs of Jewish and Gentile men in Yeshua (Jesus) Hamashiach (the Messiah). The man became fiercely alive, literally throwing the literature back at me. His face darkened in anger, and his scowl deepened. Then he did what I call "wood cursing": he slammed the door in our faces. Believe me, it took some of the starch out of the backbone. On we went to the next apartment unit. We thought the incident with No. 5 was closed. It wasn't. As we were at the next door, the door of No. 5 burst open again, and a woman, attired in a dressing gown, came charging at us. She spat out the words, "Don't you see the sign, 'No agents, No solicitors, No peddlers'? You have the nerve! And don't go to the other doors, for they don't want to be bothered!" We remonstrated, but to no avail. I had heard something about the deadliness or ferocity of the female of the species. Well, I saw some of that in the attitude behind the ejaculation of a very tiny English word, which said in a certain way needs no interpretation. When this Jewish lady said, "Get! Get! Get!" (one "get" would have been enough), we needed no interpreter. She wanted us to get—and as far away as possible. Needless to say, to her "get," we "got"!

Again, there was the time while standing in the court of an apartment house, I had the opposition of an old Jewish man and the welcome as-

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sistance of an old Jewish woman. I had been calling in this particular apartment house, speaking to those who were home, and leaving our literature at the units where there were no answers. I was talking to a very gracious little old Jewish lady who was expressing her gratitude for a rescue mission which had so wonderfully come to the assistance of one of her needy friends. An elderly Jewish man had returned home, secured our literature, and then proceeded to do two things at once. While his eyes read the *Mediator*, his ears were tuned in to our conversation. Then came the time when he could stand it no longer; he hurried over to us, pointed to the Hebrew words on the back page of our *Mediator*, which translated meant "The Word of the New Covenant" or "The New Testament," and shot out at me, "You'll get nowhere around here with this!" And then this one-man board of information turned to my little friend with, "He doesn't believe in our Messiah." I wanted to chuckle at what came next; in fact the temptation was to break into hearty laughter, but I didn't dare. The little old lady turned on my tormentor, and in no uncertain terms labeled him no gentleman for butting into our conversation, and said, "This man was talking to me, not to you." The Lord does give us champions in strange places. However, I got the man's message—to "get."

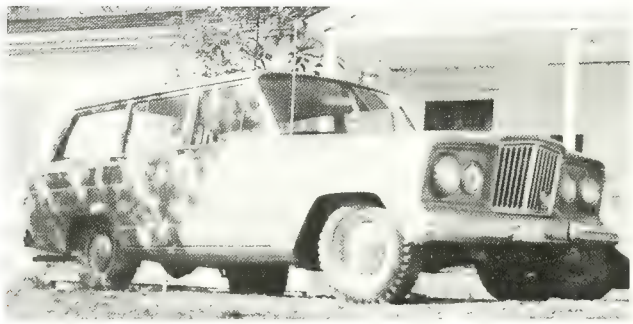
Just the day before I started this article, I had a little opposition to our testimony. It had been a poor day of calling; no one seemed to be home. Occasionally I'd talk to a Gentile maid. I had rung the bell at one of the residences, but since no one had come to answer, I left the literature. As I was proceeding next door, it seemed that I heard someone call from within the house. I stopped, and since no one appeared, I went to the next house. Then I heard the door open. A woman had followed me from the previous home on which I had called. I went back to find the reason why she wanted to wake up the neighborhood as indicated in the boisterous way she called to me. Then I received her message. She barked at me, "You have the nerve coming into this neighborhood." It always seems strange to me when I come to one of the very few in an area who sets himself or herself up as a god for the entire street or neighborhood. I told her that the Lord sent me into that neighborhood. She replied, "I don't believe the Lord had anything to do with it." We know better, don't we? Our Lord said to go to every creature. I did get the lady's message; it was, "Get!"

So it goes, and as Sally puts it, "This opposition only increases the desire to keep on going door-to-door." Not only that, we ask ourselves the question, "Are we better than our Lord?" We remember He was ordered out of the coasts of the region of Decapolis by the businessmen of Gadara. He was told, "Get!" He was crucified outside the City gates; religious leaders not only told him to "get," but also arranged for His removal! In His death, He made provision for those who now say that they do not want to hear anything about Him when they tell His messengers to "get." The tragic thing is, if these will not believe, He will tell them to get away from His presence, these "workers of iniquity." Will you pray then for us, your missionaries, in your ministry to the Jews in the Fairfax District? Will you pray that as we bear His message, our Jewish friends who now say, "Get," will invite, "Come, tell us of Messiah and His love." ▼

Jeep for . . .

Jolting, Jarring, Junkets

By Frank J. Poland



The Brethren missions in the mountains of Kentucky are off the super highways and need mobile equipment geared to the back roads—if road is the proper term. Rev. Marvin Lowery of Dryhill, Kentucky, soon discovered that the new modern automobiles with only a few inches of road clearance are not for these back roads. A remark to this effect was made, and the East District WMC decided it would be nice if they did something about the problem. Rev. Lowery suggested that a jeep would be a good vehicle for the back roads, and this became the district project.

Now a good used jeep does not come cheap, and it was discovered that a one-year district project was not going to be sufficient to buy a good one. But this was no problem to the East District WMC, for they said, "We will take the project for another year."

A 1963, four-wheel drive, Jeep Wagoneer has been purchased, thanks to these women manifesting Christ, and the project is completed. Now it will be possible to travel the back roads through the creek beds and up the mountains. The jeep will open new areas to the outreach of Dryhill. Just about one year ago the Hagerstown (Md.) Grace Brethren Church provided a new station wagon for the highways, and now this new jeep will meet the need for the byways.

For a new travel experience, the next time you are in Dryhill, Kentucky, just ask Rev. Lowery, the missionary, to take you on a jolting, jarring, junket in this new jeep. ▼

FIRE CONSUMES GRAFTON MORTGAGE

By Rev. Paul Mohler

On March 31, 1968, fire consumed the mortgage on the First Brethren Church, Grafton, West Virginia—in a planned service. Through the gifts of the Grafton Brethren and friends, the total indebtedness of the church was liquidated. In celebration of becoming debt free the special mortgage-burning service was planned.

The Brethren Home Missions Council and the Brethren Investment Foundation shared in making the new church a reality; and we were indeed grateful for Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary, who was with us for the day, speaking both in the morning worship service and the special mortgage-burning service.

The day took on additional significance in that the main sanctuary had been newly decorated; therefore, there was a rededication of the building and a rededication of the congregation. It was a day of fellowship as a carry-in dinner was served. Messages and telegrams were received from pastors, friends, and former members. Special music was furnished by the "Gospelettes" of our church.

Under the leadership of the former pastor, Rev. Lee Crist, the decision was made to increase the facilities of the church here. It was at this time that the Brethren Home Missions Council was called in for some help. The following year, 1956, the present building was under construction, and it was dedicated on April 14, 1956. Then in 1958 Rev. Crist accepted a call to another field of service, and I began my ministry on May 8, 1958.

The years from 1958 to 1968 have been a decade of debt reduction and the return of all obligations marked "paid in full." In addition, many items of new equipment have been added during this time, the church has been completely redecorated, and for the past two years we have sponsored a gospel radio broadcast. There has been spiritual growth in members and in the church.

The "debt-free" period may be of short duration. Now that we have a nice "new house of the Lord," we are thinking in terms of a "new house for the pastor." A parsonage committee has been selected and is already working on plans to provide a new parsonage for the pastor and his family. It will either be located on the present parsonage location or next to the church. This and many other decisions remain to be decided by the church. ▼

(BHM editor's note: We extend our congratulations to the pastor and people of the Grafton First Brethren Church. You have burned your mortgage and thereby have reached another goal. As the church extension department of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, we are glad that Brethren people made it possible to give a church like yours some help, and in doing so they helped to extend the ministry of your church. We commend the Grafton Brethren for their thoughtfulness in regard to the need of a better parsonage. The Lord has supplied your needs during these years of church-building payments, and we know He will do the same as you launch out into this new project.)

The old . . .



. . . and the new!



Comparative Offering Report

The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Winona Lake, Indiana
April 1, 1966—March 31, 1967 and April 1, 1967—March 31, 1968

The gifts included in this report represent General Fund, Jewish Missions, Navajo Missions, and all other funds designated for any phase of Brethren Home Missions. Gifts designated for local projects, district missions, and other work extraneous to the Brethren Home Missions Council are not included.

ALLEGHENY	1966-67	1967-68
Accident, Md	17.00	29.00
Aleppo, Pa.	254.02	212.31
Grafton, W. Va.	240.25	369.00
Jenners, Pa	1,155.84	1,221.61
Listie, Pa	1,220.80	1,237.00
Meyersdale, Pa	1,719.25	2,077.60
Meyersdale, Pa (Summit Mills)	465.25	618.25
Parkersburg, W. Va.	1,005.25	859.01
Pittsburgh, Pa.		36.50
Stoystown, Pa.	193.81	109.00
Uniontown, Pa.	604.50	1,912.14
Washington, Pa.	601.25	1,510.61
Westernport, Md.	76.52	196.85
District	155.85	112.00
Total	7,709.59	10,500.88

EAST		
Altoona, Pa. (First)	1,046.92	1,103.05
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	639.50	629.72
Conemaugh, Pa.	1,353.54	5,174.45
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	844.58	1,840.31
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	2,360.13	1,753.73
Duncansville, Pa.	1,114.08	1,023.50
Everett, Pa.	626.10	557.29
Hollidaysburg, Pa.	138.25	976.37
Hopewell, Pa.	105.31	101.32
Jefferson Center, Pa.	38.22	4.37
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	3,935.46	3,537.44
Johnstown, Pa (Geistown)	409.50	310.15
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	1,081.47	1,610.29
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	6,039.78	4,756.71
Kittanning, Pa (North Buffalo)	255.65	172.14
Martinsburg, Pa.	1,744.65	2,783.42
District	830.45	687.66
Total	22,563.59	27,021.92

FLORIDA		
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	3,706.51	3,569.55
Fort Myers, Fla.	47.00	467.63
Maitland, Fla.	285.17	472.90
Margate, Fla.	622.92	227.57
Okeechobee, Fla.	25.00	1,148.00
Pompano Beach, Fla.	2,233.81	1,900.42
St. Petersburg, Fla.	29.00	17.00
District		56.00
Total	6,949.41	7,859.07

INDIANA		
Berne, Ind.	5,970.81	6,064.23
Clay City, Ind.	69.00	802.59
Elkhart, Ind.	3,774.01	4,252.07
Flora, Ind.	1,743.60	1,046.00
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	4,858.93	5,083.26
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	1,208.37	3.00
Goshen, Ind.	40.00	919.85
Indianapolis, Ind.	152.85	554.00
Kokomo, Ind.	533.39	854.21
Leesburg, Ind.	1,255.60	1,546.36
Osceola, Ind.	857.07	1,474.21
Peru, Ind.	702.42	1,289.40
Sellersburg, Ind.	53.00	1.00
Sidney, Ind.	953.79	1,419.82
South Bend, Ind.	1,050.69	905.78
Warsaw, Ind	820.75	1,610.75
Wheaton, Ill.	1,042.16	867.34
Winona Lake, Ind.	5,919.78	7,193.46
District	145.00	509.00
Total	31,151.22	36,396.33

IOWA		
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	267.50	324.50
Dallas Center, Iowa	1,742.00	4,293.50
Davenport, Iowa	60.00	608.90
Des Moines, Iowa	148.06	222.35
Garwin, Iowa	513.42	319.77
Leon, Iowa	909.66	843.56
North English, Iowa	67.00	40.00
Omaha, Nebr.		8.00
Waterloo, Iowa	4,699.04	4,828.50
Winona, Minn.	112.50	118.52
District	55.50	66.00
Total	8,574.68	11,673.60

MICHIGAN		
Alto, Mich.	612.36	749.10
Berrien Springs, Mich	135.00	199.38
Hastings, Mich.		10.00
Jackson, Mich.	18.00	291.98
Lake Odessa, Mich.	792.00	608.25
Lansing, Mich.	581.19	877.72
New Troy, Mich.	754.00	780.00
Trout Lake, Mich.	215.00	132.70
District	54.00	3.00
Total	3,161.55	3,652.13

MID-ATLANTIC		
Alexandria, Va.	325.30	577.61
Hagerstown, Md (Calvary)	3,324.28	2,811.83
Hagerstown, Md (Gay Street)	111.50	561.61
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	11,972.63	8,993.14
Martinsburg, W. Va (Rosemont)	1,023.65	873.39
Seven Fountains, Va.	115.00	12.00
Washington, D. C (First)	3,514.36	4,242.27
Washington, D. C. (Grace)	562.90	456.00
Waynesboro, Pa.	2,254.90	2,160.96
Winchester, Va.	3,030.12	2,864.96
District	19.00	13.00
Total	26,253.64	23,566.77

MIDWEST		
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	312.00	566.00
Arvada, Colo.	329.68	347.82
Beaver City, Nebr.	308.18	236.60
Cheyenne, Wyo.	23.00	21.30
Cuba, N. Mex.	301.00	291.69
Denver, Colo.	342.79	148.01
Portis, Kans.	2,651.22	2,724.81
Taos, N. Mex.	601.03	565.72
District	277.47	584.64
Total	5,146.37	5,486.59

NORTHERN ATLANTIC		
Allentown, Pa.	831.37	949.89
Elizabethtown, Pa.	864.75	659.00
Harrisburg, Pa	2,468.48	3,488.42
Hatboro, Pa.	983.17	1,056.00
Lancaster, Pa.	1,731.92	2,737.80
Manheim, Pa.	151.87	173.78
Myerstown, Pa.		172.00
New Holland, Pa.	489.49	727.71
Palmyra, Pa.	1,214.49	1,385.54
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	6,060.05	5,417.00
Philadelphia, Pa (Third)	5,284.66	5,903.62
Souderton, Pa.	669.00	687.00
York, Pa.	1,089.00	1,269.00
District	108.00	67.00
Total	21,946.25	24,693.76

NOR-CAL		
Chico, Calif.	222.92	393.76
Grass Valley, Calif.	185.53	245.01
Modesto, Calif. (Greenwood)	422.50	1,385.40
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	3,097.30	2,188.10
Modesto, Calif. (Community)	3.50	
Sacramento, Calif.	545.51	716.31
San Jose, Calif.	657.64	521.51
Tracy, Calif.	55.26	248.50
District		975.02
Total	5,190.16	6,673.61

NORTHERN OHIO		
Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	922.50	1,059.08
Akron, Ohio (First)	1,537.95	29.00
Ankenytown, Ohio	1,375.38	1,520.40
Ashland, Ohio (Southview)	1,753.94	2,701.00
Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	3,105.24	1,261.36
Barberton, Ohio	473.02	644.10
Bowling Green, Ohio	46.87	130.00
Canton, Ohio	1,304.42	1,878.44
Cleveland, Ohio	793.69	615.32
Columbus, Ohio	948.65	1,648.37
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.	1,213.23	1,038.12
Danville, Ohio	574.00	776.50
Defiance, Ohio	10.00	6.00
Elyria, Ohio	476.40	566.60
Findlay, Ohio	838.30	1,105.15
Fremont, Ohio	3,329.66	4,258.52
Galion, Ohio	230.25	338.00
Homerville, Ohio	1,600.34	1,950.05
Lexington, Ohio	148.80	599.66
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	7,174.10	4,828.05
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	1,521.41	1,661.87
Middlebranch, Ohio	1,896.00	2,280.00
Minerva, Ohio	116.00	307.25
Rittman, Ohio	1,702.09	2,365.83
Sterling, Ohio	596.56	1,084.38
Wooster, Ohio	3,527.67	4,279.19
District	481.00	805.60
Total	37,697.47	39,737.84

NORTHWEST		
Albany, Oreg.	956.25	826.50
Beaverton, Oreg.	371.03	356.50
Bothell, Wash.	343.50	452.12
Grandview, Wash.	1,343.51	1,023.93
Harrah, Wash.	566.90	271.66
Kent, Wash.	773.50	887.84
Mabton, Wash.	14.05	460.55

Portland, Oreg.	404.88	371.77
Spokane, Wash	161 16	515 09
Sunnyside, Wash.	3,265.13	2,661.10
Toppenish, Wash.	849.54	888.50
Richland, Wash.	108.52	164.97
Yakima, Wash.	479.28	993.18
District	168.32	154.04
Total	9,805.57	10,027.75
SOUTHEAST		
Atlanta, Ga.		103.00
Boones Mill, Va.		50.00
Buena Vista, Va.	1,405.90	1,302.30
Covington, Va.	1,441.24	1,176.81
Hollins, Va.	1,174.96	1,240.13
Johnson City, Tenn.	439.59	1,118.19
Limestone, Tenn.	694.24	854.00
Radford, Va.	242.50	263.00
Richmond, Va.		20.00
Riner, Va.	5.00	
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	501.00	462 75
Roanoke, Va (Garden City)	142.00	190.52
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	2,156.50	1,780.52
Roanoke, Va (Wash. Hts.)	479.50	505 15
Virginia Beach, Va.	214.28	109 68
Woodbridge, Va.	400.00	521.00
District	334 00	41 44
Total	9,630.71	9,738 49
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA		
Anaheim, Calif.	2,027.19	987 23
Artesia, Calif (Lakewood)	204.70	230 42
Beaumont, Calif.	2,713.40	3,892.36
Bell, Calif.	525.12	426.59
Bellflower, Calif.	1,433.49	2,598.87
Compton, Calif.	998.75	107.00
Colton, Calif.	99.75	288 87
Fillmore, Calif.	272.05	89.80
Gardena, Calif.	657.50	969 80
Glendale, Calif.	380 08	840.83
Glendora, Calif.	2.50	13.04
Grand Terrace, Calif.	4 00	8 00
Hacienda Hts., Calif.	24.00	135.00
Inglewood, Calif.	4,493.54	4,900 38
La Habra, Calif.	516 08	587.15
La Verne, Calif.	946.70	829.75
Long Beach, Calif. (Community)	916.58	710.50
Long Beach, Calif (First)	14,506 57	9,329.45
Long Beach, Calif (North)	4,757.75	2,768.39
Los Angeles, Calif.	1,688.34	1,388.55
Los Altos, Calif	1,421.64	2,035 41
Montclair, Calif.	509 65	494.20
Norwalk, Calif.	2,864 09	2,037.31
Orange, Calif.		632.70
Phoenix, Ariz.	938 47	1,496 60
Rialto, Calif.	581.74	642.04
Rowland Hts., Calif.		73.31
San Bernardino, Calif.	1,089 10	1,108 93
San Diego, Calif.	343 34	267.70
Santa Barbara, Calif.	630 42	210 63
Santa Maria, Calif	177 00	40 85
Seal Beach, Calif.	1,325.43	478 44
Simi, Calif	104 00	270.99
South Gate, Calif.	940 57	
South Pasadena, Calif.	194 06	225 82
Temple City, Calif.	739 14	761.52
Tucson, Ariz.	231.10	149.85
West Covina, Calif.	235 83	307.06
Westminster, Calif.	1,209 28	1,082.72
Whittier, Calif (Community)	740 08	2,030 14
Whittier, Calif. (First)	831 55	1,354 51
District	1,212.46	6,037.61
Total	53,487.04	52,840.32
SOUTHERN OHIO		
Brookville, Ohio	315.95	579.88
Camden, Ohio	201.95	388.94
Clayhole, Ky.	63.25	85.30
Clayton, Ohio	854.23	880.90
Covington, Ohio		130.45
Dayton, Ohio (Basore Road)	543 88	2,531.58
Dayton, Ohio (First)	7,327.77	9,211.62
Dayton, Ohio (Huber Hts.)	13.50	65.36
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	2,965.48	3,075.41
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	364 95	202 00
Dryhill, Ky	265 00	235 80
Englewood, Ohio	1,470.07	1,255 04
Kettering, Ohio	163.17	612 21
Sinking Spring, Ohio	25 00	30 00
Trotwood, Ohio	2,279.73	1,567.67
Troy, Ohio	831.57	582.25
Vandalia, Ohio	911 90	1,780.96
West Alexandria, Ohio	406.13	393 37
District	16.00	77 61
Total	19,019.53	23,686 35
TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS	268,286 78	293,555 41
OTHER GIFTS		
Grace Chapel, Hawaii	15.00	12 00
Puerto Rico	34 75	82 98
National WMC	12,132 88	11,101.27
National SMM		1,043.72
Grace College	600 00	
Miscellaneous	4,097.09	2,731.05
Total	16,879.72	14,971.02
GRAND TOTAL	**$285,166.50**	**$308,526.43**

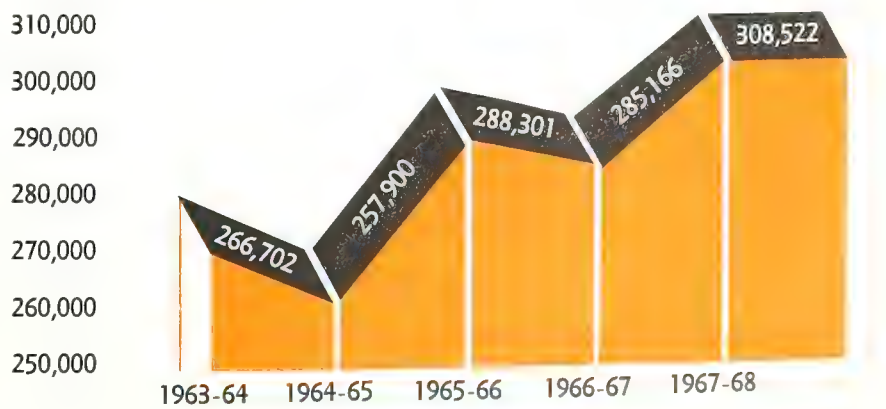
Grateful and Graphical

By Frank J. Poland

The books are closed for the fiscal year of 1967-68 and the board of directors, missionaries and staff are grateful for an increase of $23,360 for the work of Brethren Home Missions. We are grateful to every Brethren or friend of The Brethren Church who made a contribution of any size to make this increase possible. We are grateful for what the Lord has done and is doing with your gifts to Brethren Home Missions. We are grateful for three self-supporting churches already this year and bright prospects for at least three more by January 1, 1969. We are grateful that the offering after a temporary relapse last year has again moved forward and upward.

A graphical comparison can be made at a glance.

You will note Brethren Home Missions has moved from $266,702 to $308,522 in five years. Two of these five years recorded reverses, leaving an average net gain per year of $12,000 or an average gain of 4.5 percent. Within this same five-year period the statistical report says that we have increased by 3,161 members and our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches' net worth increased by $3,719, 419. So we are increasing in members and materials. With this graphic picture before us, we cannot help but ask some questions; but we do not have the answers, do you? Why does the work of home missions make such slow gains? Are we failing in presenting a graphic picture? Is the picture of the need of America as presented by the news media being misinterpreted by us? How much actual gain is realized out of $12,000 after inflation? Are we expecting too much for Brethren Home Missions? How can we continue to increase pastors' salaries a minimum average of 5 percent per year? How can we get a greater participation in Brethren Home Missions? And do remember that we will be grateful for any answers you have to these questions! ▼



Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—SATURDAY, JUNE 15

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY that God will give special strength to the seven missionary candidates who are now engaged in definite preparations for their departure scheduled for September.

PRAY for the youth works, which are especially important these days, and for missionaries and national personnel who are particularly involved in these activities.

PRAY for safety in travel for a number of missionaries going to and from the fields this summer.

PRAY that God will call forth more and more nationals who are capable and willing to be spiritual leaders of their own people.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the radio ministry of home-mission churches at Orange, Calif.; Toppenish, Wash.; Elizabethtown, Pa.; and Taos, N. Mex.

PRAY for the home-mission churches at Minerva, Ohio, and Jackson, Mich., whose building programs are on the drawing board of our Architectural Department.

PRAY for a good harvest of young people to be reached through VBS and camps to provide future missionaries for home missions.

PRAY for the home-missions promotional materials that are in preparation for this fall.

PRAY for Rev. Daniel Eshleman who has just begun a full-time ministry at Stratford, N. J.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for His constant watchful care over our men as they travel many miles each month in their crusade ministry.

PRAISE the Lord for the financial support from our churches throughout America as they continue to give to our work.

PRAY for Evangelist Scott Weaver as he conducts crusade meetings in Brazil, June 23-Aug. 4. Also pray for Jim Shipley and Terry Davenport who will be traveling with Mr. Weaver and providing music during the meetings.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY that Vacation Bible Schools now in progress and those held throughout the summer will be used to win pupils for Christ.

PRAY that the young people now engaged in the TIME program will bring blessings to each of the mission fields involved and to individuals with whom they work.

PRAY that the new Training Hour Handbook may be a blessing to our churches.

PRAY that Sunday-school workers now engaged in the training program for our fall enlargement campaign might be thoroughly prepared for the enlargement.

PRAY for the Christian Education Convention, Aug. 11-12, and the National Youth Conference, Aug. 11-18, to be held at Winona Lake, Ind. Pray that many of our people may be participants in these conferences.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAISE God for the successful school year which culminated with the recent commencement.

PRAY for the summer schools now in session in both the college and seminary.

PRAY for the ministry of the two summer teams, under the direction of Terry White and Donald Ogden, which are visiting our churches.

PRAY for students who are on varied missionary assignments during the summer.

PRAY for a God-chosen student body this fall in both schools.

WMC

PRAISE the Lord for His manifold blessings upon WMC groups this past year.

PRAY for the national officers and boards as they complete plans for national conference.

PRAY for the nominating committee and for the Lord's leading in the choice of names for the ballot.

PRAY for the ones responsible for the local and district reports, and pray that the reports will be completed on time.

SMM

PRAISE the Lord for the many projects for local churches and district-mission points completed this year in our Martha goal.

PRAY for many of our SMM girls as they assist in Vacation Bible Schools, district camps, and other Christian activities during this summer.

PRAY for the national SMM officers as they plan daily SMM programs for national camp. Pray for inspiration and new ideas.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE God for His blessing upon recent issues of the *Herald.* Pray for increased circulation.

PRAY for God's abundant blessing upon the Brethren Missionary Herald's special emphases period during the months of June and July.

PRAY for decisions for Christ in Vacation Bible Schools as the materials are used across the country.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

PRAY for those who are operating Christian servicemen's centers. Pray that they might be of valuable spiritual assistance to men in the service.

PRAY that the men leaving military service will readily adjust to civilian life.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the excellent meeting of the executive committee in May, and for the projected plans.

PRAY for national conference laymen's sessions. Pray that they will be a blessing to all who attend.

PRAY that each laymen's group will support the projects adopted at last year's national conference laymen's sessions.

Church News

WASHINGTON, D. C. Mr. Jesse B. Deloe, Sr., went to be with the Lord on April 22. He was employed by the Government Printing Office in Washington at the time of his death, but for a number of years served as linotype operator for the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. at Winona Lake, Ind. A memorial notice will be carried in a subsequent issue of the *Herald*.

ATTENTION CHRISTIANS.—Sunday, June 9, has been designated World-Wide Broadcasting Sunday by International Christian Broadcasters. Christians are asked to unite in prayer for Christian radio and television broadcasters around the world. We are asked to thank God for the extensive gospel outreach through radio and television, to pray for God's help in the production of creative and attractive programming, and to request God's provision of adequate personnel and finances for the continuance and expansion of radio and television ministries around the world.

BARBERTON, OHIO. Irvin B. Miller will terminate his ministry as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Norton on June 30. He has accepted the call to be pastor of the Englewood Grace Brethren Church of Englewood, Ohio.

JUST RELEASED: The new BMH Recordings production *Trumpet Conversations*, featuring Jerry Franks, Artist in Residence and Director of Instrumental Music and Bands at Grace College. The record is unusual in that both sacred and semi-classical selections are presented. Mr. Franks is accompanied by Bill Schaffer, Instructor in Music at Grace College, and the Grace College Community Concert Band. The record is priced regularly at $4.95; but is currently being offered at $4.49 as an introductory special, postage paid. It has been produced in new "Compatible Stereo," and may be played on either mono or stereo record players. For prompt service, address your order to the Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

BEAVERTON, OREG. Rev. John W. Mayes was the speaker for a Prophetic Bible Conference on April 15-19 at the Grace Brethren Church. Luke E. Kauffman, pastor.

BUENA VISTA, VA. On Easter Sunday 502 people were present at the First Brethren Church for a combined Sunday-school and worship-service musical program. The church has called Dan Hammers to serve as pastoral intern for this summer with a special emphasis on the youth work of the church. Charles G. Thornton, pastor.

TAOS, N. MEX. A successful series of pre-Easter meetings were held at the Canon Brethren Church on April 7-12. Rev. Robert Salazar, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church at Albuquerque, N. Mex., served as the special speaker in both English and Spanish. There were 30 decisions for rededication of life, and two first-time decisions for salvation. Bill Stevens, pastor.

CHANGES. Rev. and Mrs. Galen Lingenfelter, 620 West Ave., Elyria, Ohio 44035.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Grace Brethren Church broke all existing records on Easter Sunday. Sunday-school attendance was 1,016 and attendance at the morning worship service totaled 905. The church had accepted a goal of $1,000 toward the purchase of an emergency vehicle for the work of Miss Lois Miller and others in the Central African Republic. At the conclusion of the Sunday evening service, $2,400 had been received for this project. There were four public decisions made for Christ. Robert B. Collitt, pastor.

FORT CARSON, COLO. Chaplain John W. Schumacher reports, "At our recent 'Day of Religious Emphasis' program here we had 350 men in attendance, and 10 men made professions of faith in Christ. We had a local new car dealer and an Air Force Academy Instructor give their personal testimonies. We showed 'The Restless Ones' to complete the program." Chaplain Schumacher has spoken and shown slides of his work in Vietnam at the Grace Brethren churches at Taos, N. Mex., Arvada, Colo., and Denver, Colo.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Two couples in the First Brethren Church celebrated wedding anniversaries on April 27. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cunningham celebrated their 69th anniversary, and Mr. and Mrs. Byron R. Noon celebrated their 50th anniversary. Alva Steffler, pastor.



HARRISBURG, PA. Pictured above are the Grace College Choir and the Grace College Brass Ensemble as they ministered to the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church on April 2. Rev. Thomas E. Hammers was the speaker for a four-day evangelistic crusade at the church on May 5-8. Earle E. Peer, pastor.

LANCASTER, PA. Easter Sunday was a record-breaking day for the Grace Brethren Church. There were 415 people in attendance for the church service, and 361 for Sunday school. The church is using a newly installed air conditioner, and Pastor William F. Tweeddale writes, "Now our church is not only prayer conditioned, but it's also air conditioned."

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. Five people were baptized at the Rosemont Brethren Church on Easter Sunday. Robert L. Dell, pastor.

DUNCANSVILLE, PA. Evangelist Scott Weaver will hold special evangelistic meetings at the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church on June 3-9. Pray for these meetings. Victor S. Rogers, pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Rev. William Tweeddale, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pa., was the special speaker on the theme "Life in Christ" at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church on April 21-28. Robert Kern, pastor.

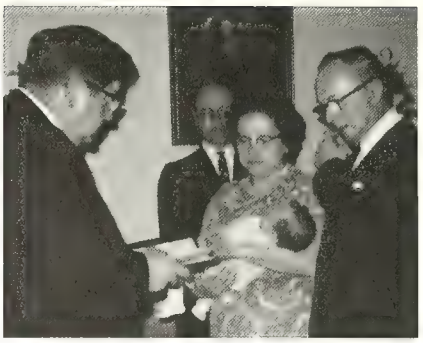
ATTENDANCE INCREASE. Among those churches which are praising the Lord for good attendance on Easter Sunday are the Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich.; Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.; and Reading Brethren Church, Stoystown, Pa.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Dr. James L. Boyer, professor of Greek and New Testament at Grace College, presented a "Holy Spirit and Holy Land" conference at the First Brethren Church on April 21-28. Kenneth B. Ashman, pastor.

NEW TROY, MICH. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Theological Seminary and College, was the speaker for a Bible Prophecy Conference at the New Troy Brethren Church on March 31-April 3. Gerald L. Kelley, pastor.

GLENDALE, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wheatley were honored by the Grace Brethren Community Church congregation at a reception and carry-in dinner on April 2 in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Church attendance is steadily rising according to Pastor Lyle W. Marvin.





NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. Rev. David Thompson, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, was ordained to the Christian ministry on Tuesday evening, March 26. Shown on the left are the ministers who participated in the service (l to r): Rev. Simon Toroian, Rev. John Aeby, Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, Rev. James Custer, and Rev. Milton Ryerson. A special part of the ordination service was the dedication of Rev. and Mrs. Thompson's infant son, Daniel Francis. Rev. John Aeby conducted the baby dedication (pictured on the right). Rev. Thompson is a graduate of Biola College (B.A., 1953). Following a two-year tour of duty in the U. S. Army, he enrolled at Grace Seminary and graduated in 1960 with a B.D. degree. He has pastored churches in Washington and Iowa.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. On March 31-April 7, a Bible conference entitled "Things Hard To Be Understood" was held at the Grace Brethren Church. The speakers for this conference were Rev. Kenneth Amsler, academic dean, Akron Bible Institute; Rev. John Burke, pastor, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio; Rev. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio; Mr. James Jennings, director of development, Akron Bible Institute; Rev. Robert Kern, pastor, Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio; Rev. Knute Larson, associate pastor, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio; Rev. Russell Ogden, president, Akron Bible Institute; and Rev. Jack Peters, pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. Wesley Haller, pastor.

June Bible Reading Calendar

JUNE			
DATE	MORNING	EVENING	
1	II CHR. 4, 5, 6	JOHN	12:20-50
2	II CHR. 7, 8, 9	JOHN	13:1-17
3	II CHR. 10,11,12	JOHN	13:18-38
4	II CHR. 13-16	JOHN	14
5	II CHR. 17,18,19	JOHN	15
6	II CHR. 20,21,22	JOHN	16:1-15
7	II CHR. 23,24,25	JOHN	16:16-33
8	II CHR. 26,27,28	JOHN	17
9	II CHR. 29,30,31	JOHN	18:1-23
10	II CHR. 32, 33	JOHN	18:24-40
11	II CHR. 34,35,36	JOHN	19:1-22
12	EZRA 1, 2	JOHN	19:23-42
13	EZRA 3, 4, 5	JOHN	20
14	EZRA 6, 7, 8	JOHN	21
15	EZRA 9, 10	ACTS	1
16	NEH. 1, 2, 3	ACTS	2:1-13
17	NEH. 4, 5, 6	ACTS	2:14-47
18	NEH. 7, 8	ACTS	3
19	NEH. 9, 10, 11	ACTS	4:1-22
20	NEH. 12, 13	ACTS	4:23-37
21	ESTH. 1, 2, 3	ACTS	5:1-16
22	ESTH. 4, 5, 6	ACTS	5:17-42
23	ESTH. 7-10	ACTS	6
24	JOB 1, 2, 3	ACTS	7:1-19
25	JOB 4, 5, 6	ACTS	7:20-43
26	JOB 7, 8, 9	ACTS	7:44-60
27	JOB 10, 11, 12	ACTS	8:1-25
28	JOB 13, 14, 15	ACTS	8:26-40
29	JOB 16, 17, 18	ACTS	9:1-22
30	JOB 19, 20	ACTS	9:23-43

ELIZABETHTOWN, PA. On Palm Sunday, April 7, the congregation of the Grace Brethren Church celebrated their third anniversary. Rev. William Tweeddale, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pa., was guest speaker for the day.

SOUTH BEND, IND. On Sunday evening, April 28, Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, editor and business manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., shared interesting accounts of his recent trip to Vietnam at the Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church. Sherwood V. Durkee, pastor.

NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT. A men's fellowship rally and banquet was held at the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa., on March 16. A welcome was extended by Rev. Earle Peer, and the evening message was delivered by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Theological Seminary and College.



NORTHWEST DISTRICT. Chaplain (LTC) Francis E. Jeffery, U.S. Air Force, entertained the ministerium at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., on April 8. Pictured above (l to r) are Chaplain Jeffery, Chaplain (LTC) Wm. H. Schaffer, CAP, Luke Kauffman, Don Farner, Charles Winter, Nelson Hall, John Mayes, Warren Hall, Duane Jorgens, Phillip Simmons, and Don Bishop. "The ministry of the Military Chaplain" was presented visually by Chaplain Jeffery. A bus tour of the base and luncheon with Air Force personnel highlighted the visit.

LA VERNE, CALIF. The First Brethren Church held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new chapel and educational unit on Sunday, March 10. Dr. Glenn F. O'Neal, professor of practical theology at Talbot Theological Seminary, delivered the message for this special occasion. Elias D. White, pastor.

ELKHART, IND. A conference on Bible prophecy, conducted by Rev. Nathan M. Meyer, was held at the Grace Brethren Church on March 24-31. Gordon W. Bracker, pastor.

FRANKLIN SPRINGS, GA. (EP). In the wake of news that the Rev. Oral Roberts has left the Pentecostal Holiness Church to be ordained by The Methodist Church, denominational leaders who enjoyed his former fellowship have expressed belief that its members "will continue their loyalty to their own denomination and will not be affected by Mr. Roberts' obvious move into ecumenical circles." Evangelist Roberts was the son of a minister in the Pentecostal Holiness Church whose doctrinal position is committed to the Wesleyan position on Bible holiness, "and to the present-day reality of the baptism with the Holy Spirit—the precise commitment that precipitated the severance of this body from official Methodism more than 60 years ago."

SEAL BEACH, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church has called Thomas D. McClellan to be pastor. Mr. McClellan recently graduated from Bob Jones Seminary and will assume his pastoral duties on June 16. He is the brother of James McClellan, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church at San Bernardino, Calif.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Dr. Larry Poland, president of Miami Bible College, was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Easter Sunday.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

McGRAW, Mrs. Florence V., a member of the Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash., died on March 27. Charles H. Winter, pastor.

CORWELL, Mrs. Sadie, 65, died on Easter Sunday, April 14. Funeral services were conducted at the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Md., by her pastor, Rev. Robert B. Collitt.

KINSEY, Mrs. Ethel, of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., died suddenly on April 15. Alva Steffler, pastor.

Announcing the

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

for

Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College

BACCALAUREATE—WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 AT 7:30 P.M.



Speaker
Rev. Jake P. Kliever
Missionary
Chad Republic, Africa

COMMENCEMENT—THURSDAY, MAY 30 AT 10 A.M.

Speaker
Dr. Douglas B. MacCorkle
President
Philadelphia College of Bible



• *Both services in the Winona Lake Auditorium*



Peace . . . the Draft . . . and . . . Graduate School

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President

Grace Theological Seminary and College

"Peace, Peace; When There Is No Peace"

One of the most coveted states of society is peace. Probably more has been written on this theme within recent years than on any other subject, and yet there has been less to show for it than in any period in history. The clamor for peace in Vietnam has grown to such amazing proportions that a president, with his program, being made the focal point of criticism went the last mile to satisfy the clamor for just and lasting peace. It is highly doubtful that even a temporary and unjust peace will be achieved. Nothing of just and lasting character can be achieved until the Prince of Peace comes, whose right to rule is divine and whose dominion will be one of absolute righteousness.

Right Now the Military Draft Is On

Within recent months some new directives have been given to selective service. Recognizing the importance of education, some provisions were made to keep college students on course. College students are deferred over a period of four years, so that they may complete a four-year college course. In each of the four years 25 percent of their work must be finished, or else they become eligible for draft immediately. If that 25 percent is not finished during the regular winter term, then the remaining hours must be worked off during the summer term. This means that 25 percent must be finished by the end of the first twelve months, 50 percent completed by the end of the second twelve months, 75 percent by the end of the third twelve months, and 100 percent by the end of the fourth twelve months. At the moment of graduation they are eligible for induction into the armed services.

Graduate schools will be hurting as a result of this latest decision of the selective service system. It is estimated that enrollment in graduate schools will be down by 50 percent. Exceptions have been made for certain technical areas such as medicine, realizing the importance of these professions.

What about graduate schools that prepare men for the ministry and missionary service? Here again an exception has been made. Students headed for the ministry or missionary service can secure military deferment. But they must meet certain rigid requirements. Such students must be approved by their local churches as candidates for Christian ministry. They must be preregistered in the seminary where they expect to take their theological training. And they must be under the direction of that seminary in their college training.

This means that young men should be giving attention to their plans for the future, even before they graduate from high school. And the matter should not be delayed long, if at all, after they enter college. The point is clear. An early decision with adequate and continuing plans for Christian service helps to establish their pure motive in the mind of the selective service boards. Late or last minute decisions for Christian service could be interpreted as an effort to escape the draft. In most cases like this, the selective service board will not hesitate to classify one as IA, and induction is almost certain.

Where early and adequate steps have been taken ahead of time, a young man graduating from college will have no difficulty in enrolling in theological seminary the following fall. Christian leaders should go out of their way to inform young men of this procedure so that they may be conserved for the Lord's work.

"Every Imagination . . . Only Evil Continually"

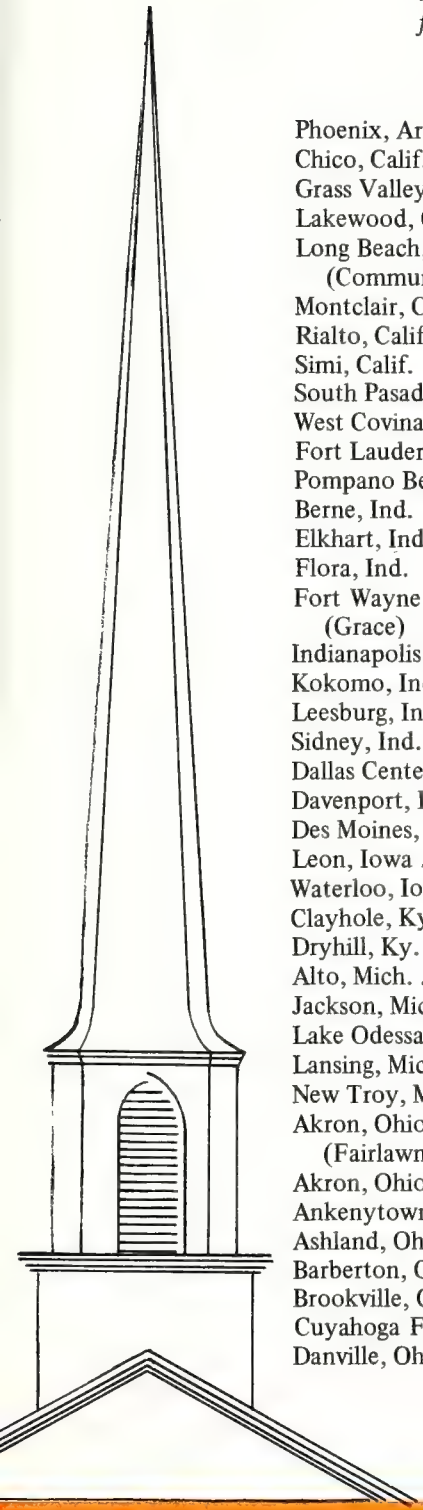
These words could be written of our day. But they were written of the days of Noah. It was Christ who insisted that as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. Could He have been speaking of our day? Students of the prophetic word think so. It would appear that society in general has moved into a jet-like, precipitous descent into moral and spiritual degradation. Herein lies the basic cause for the problems that are sweeping across the world.

From this one cause there arises the secondary issues upon which men are concentrating their attention. As they attack the secondary issues, they find no solution for them except to see them grow even more acute. In the effort to find peace, wars increase. In the effort to alleviate poverty, destitution spreads. In the effort to control crime, lawlessness and anarchy develop.

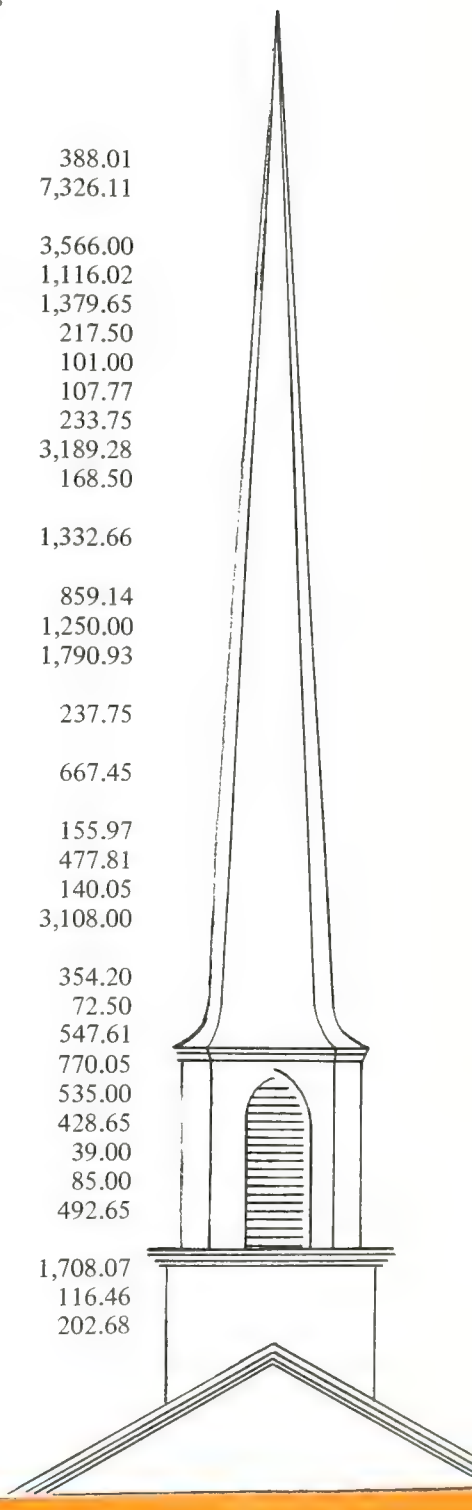
Actually there is but one answer to the ills of the world. It is that message in Christ Jesus, the gospel, that changes the hearts of men. Is it not, therefore, the most sensible thing in the world to promote the work of inducting men into Christian service, whose message will help to arrest the tide of degeneration and rescue people from the torrent that sweeps them toward destruction?

Don't delay in carrying out your responsibility to direct young men toward the ministry and to see that they get into Christian schools where they can be adequately trained for this ministry. And don't withhold your support from the schools that are struggling to provide Biblical, Christ-centered training for them. ▼

We congratulate the following churches which set a new record in giving for Christian higher education at Grace College and Seminary during the 1966-67 year. On behalf of our board of trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and student body, we express our deep appreciation to these churches for both their gifts and prayers.



Phoenix, Ariz.	$ 754.28
Chico, Calif.	53.93
Grass Valley, Calif.	37.17
Lakewood, Calif.	89.88
Long Beach, Calif. (Community)	468.34
Montclair, Calif.	168.74
Rialto, Calif.	374.84
Simi, Calif.	42.44
South Pasadena, Calif.	184.80
West Covina, Calif.	25.00
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	1,407.05
Pompano Beach, Fla.	991.18
Berne, Ind.	2,500.11
Elkhart, Ind.	1,728.15
Flora, Ind.	1,791.50
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	515.17
Indianapolis, Ind.	202.50
Kokomo, Ind.	312.75
Leesburg, Ind.	723.30
Sidney, Ind.	1,109.89
Dallas Center, Iowa	1,176.00
Davenport, Iowa	37.65
Des Moines, Iowa	216.08
Leon, Iowa	148.85
Waterloo, Iowa	4,023.22
Clayhole, Ky.	55.15
Dryhill, Ky.	20.47
Alto, Mich.	458.75
Jackson, Mich.	87.00
Lake Odessa, Mich.	789.00
Lansing, Mich.	85.50
New Troy, Mich.	1,219.25
Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	402.16
Akron, Ohio (First)	880.39
Ankenytown, Ohio	685.35
Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	3,206.55
Barberton, Ohio	349.10
Brookville, Ohio	378.55
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	1,175.50
Danville, Ohio	341.00
Dayton, Ohio (Basore Road)	388.01
Dayton, Ohio (First)	7,326.11
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	3,566.00
Englewood, Ohio	1,116.02
Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	1,379.65
Galion, Ohio	217.50
Lexington, Ohio	101.00
Sterling, Ohio	107.77
Trotwood, Ohio	233.75
Wooster, Ohio	3,189.28
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	168.50
Conemaugh, Pa. (Conemaugh)	1,332.66
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	859.14
Hollidaysburg, Pa.	1,250.00
Jenners, Pa.	1,790.93
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	237.75
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	667.45
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	155.97
Lancaster, Pa.	477.81
Manheim, Pa.	140.05
Martinsburg, Pa.	3,108.00
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	354.20
Stoystown, Pa.	72.50
Washington, Pa.	547.61
Waynesboro, Pa.	770.05
York, Pa.	535.00
Hollins, Va.	428.65
Radford, Va.	39.00
Spokane, Wash.	85.00
Toppenish, Wash.	492.65
Washington, D.C. (First)	1,708.07
Grafton, W. Va.	116.46
Parkersburg, W. Va.	202.68



CHURCHES MAKE THE HONOR ROLL



One-Way Treadmill for the Church?

There is no question but that the church of Jesus Christ at least in the Western world has fallen upon desperate days in our time. Christianity appears to be struggling for its very existence in the face of a tidal wave of secularism sweeping our country and the world. Some already designate this as the post-Christian era.

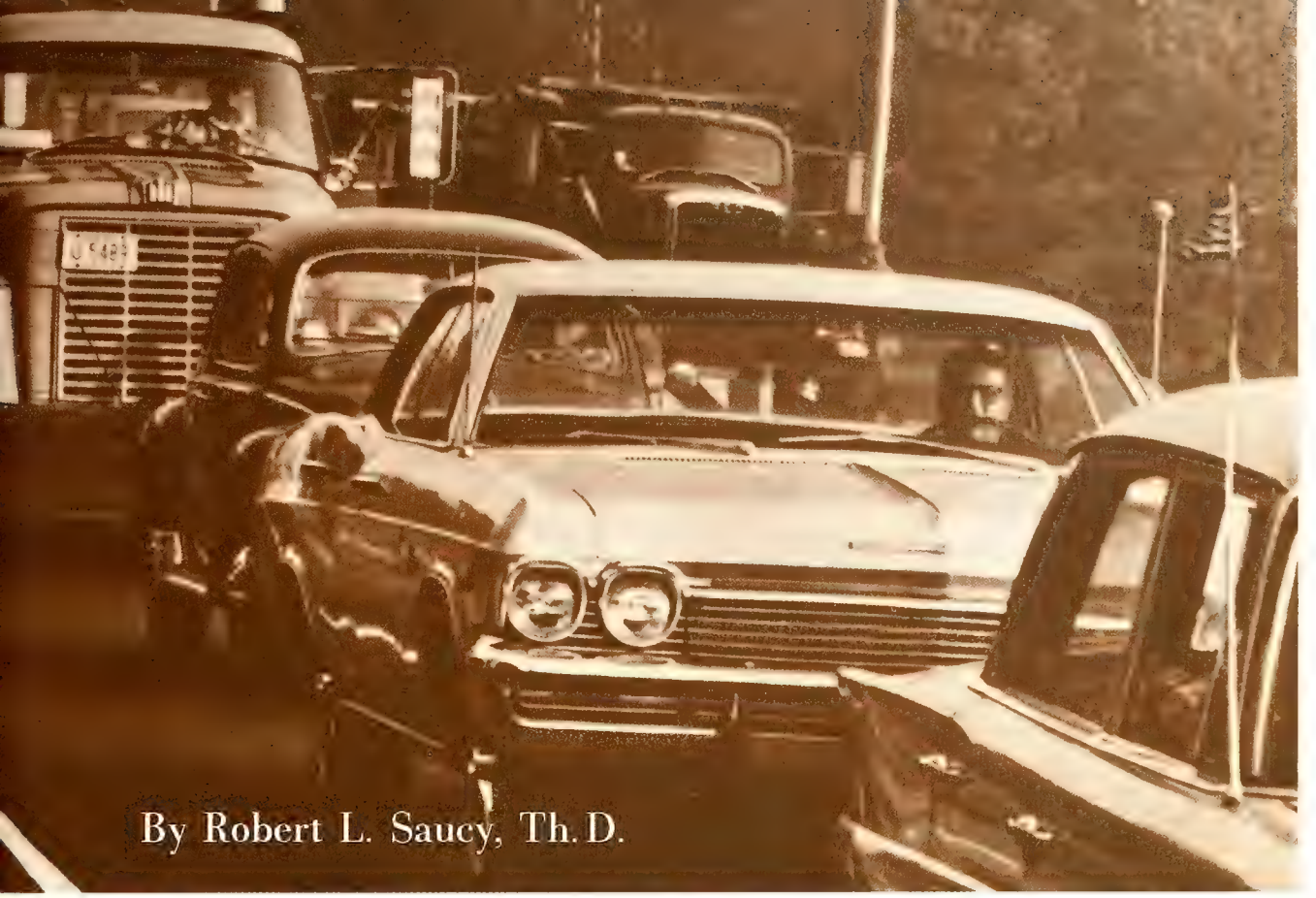
This critical situation in which the church finds herself has led to one of the favorite religious pastimes of our day—diagnosing the woes of the church. From inside and outside, from minister and layman, advice streams forth as to what ails the church and what must be done to revive her in our time. To many of the ecclesiastical doctors, the church reveals a certain unhealthy detachment from reality. She has somehow failed to keep step with the time. To put it in the words of Pierre Burton, a Canadian layman who has come out of the Anglican Church, "The church has become fossilized; and that fossilization has prevented it from moving with the world."

One finds it difficult to quarrel with the general diagnosis that the church is making little impact on modern society. One must also agree with the essential prescription for the need of relevance to our generation. However, it seems that often the cry of relevance echoes with the ring of relativity. And the attempt to speak to the age becomes a certain parroting of the age. For example, Bishop J. A. T. Robinson of *Honest to God* fame calls for a "radically new mold and metamorphosis of Christian belief and practice." We must eliminate the concept of God out there in favor of some kind of a God down here in the depth of our being. This is the only God, we are told, who can speak to our contemporary existential thinking. For Bishop James Pike, the church can become relevant only by jettisoning the irrational doctrine of the Virgin Birth and the Trinity which he says engenders "at best confusion and a sense of irrelevance. . . ." Burton carries this metamorphosis to its logical conclusion demanding that the church come to grips with the question: "Is it possible to have faith without dogma?" His answer is in the affirmative. Moreover, he adds, "I should think that in the late 20th century it would be almost impossible to have faith with dogma. . . ." It is not only the Christian faith which is to be brought in line with contemporary mentality, but also Christian practice. Thus we have the New Morality calling for a "New Look in Christian Ethics."

Admittedly, these are extreme examples and yet they are symptomatic of a general trend today, a trend to gain popularity by toning down peculiarity. Somehow, the church has gotten the idea that if it becomes more like the world, the world will become more like the church.

The question that we would pose in the face of the challenge to the church is not so much whether the church is too peculiar for this age, but whether it is peculiar enough. To put it pointedly, does relevancy come through conformity or through nonconformity?

Studying the life and ministry of Jesus one cannot help but be struck with the peculiarity of Jesus to His contemporaries. There was a basic antagonism between Him and all classes of people of His age, from the leaders who finally brought the false



By Robert L. Saucy, Th.D.

charges leading to His death, to the general populace who chose Barabbas instead of Christ and cried, "Crucify him, crucify him." Even those of His inner circle of friends thought that His actions betrayed a lack of self-control (Mark 3:31). They thought that He was somewhat of a religious maniac while His enemies were sure that He was a demoniac (v. 22).

Now Christ taught that as He was considered to be very peculiar in His day, so His disciples would be in their day, and the early church found it to be so. To listen to Paul's testimony of his treatment at the hands of his contemporaries, one doesn't get the picture of a well-respected man of distinction. The religious leaders almost killed him while the philosophers laughed at him.

Has this situation somehow changed for the Christian of the 20th century, so that the Christian can now seek and receive the respect of the world? Are these teachings of Christ and the one who would live His teachings any more compatible with the world today? Or does the treatment by the world today reflect upon the 20th century brand of discipleship?

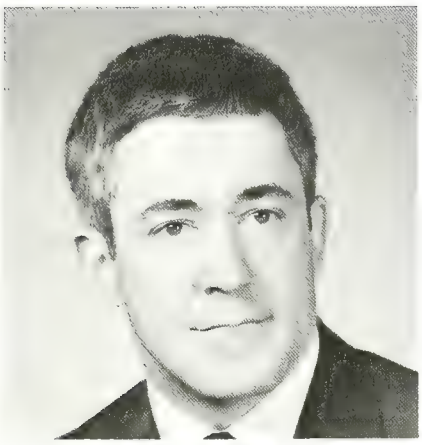
What was it that made Christ so out of step with His time? The answer to this is not found in a single event; it is found in His very person. Jesus appeared eccentric to this world because He was eccentric. He brought a new center to life. While the man of the world revolved around himself, the life of Christ revolved around God. Man's life was centered on this present world; Christ's life was anchored in eternity. The man of the world says, "First me and my business," but Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

Jesus was eccentric because He brought a radically new set of standards by which to measure men. He measured them by God's standard—"Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are the meek, blessed are those that hunger and thirst after righteousness." The world says, however, "Blessed is the man who is strong, self-confident, and successful. Blessed is the man who hungers and thirsts after wealth, prestige, position, and popularity."

Jesus was eccentric, furthermore, because He brought an entirely new ethic of life, the ethic of divine love, which through the agony of death could look down from the cross and say, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." He brought a relationship toward fellow man so radically different than that of the world that only the supernatural can explain it.

The example of Jesus suggests that the prescription for a present-day relevance for the church lies in difference, not in similarity. Jesus cut across His generation and was considered "beside himself" by some and demoniac by others. But no one can say that He was not relevant. The same quality which caused Him to be despised by some was spiritual magnetism to others. Wherever Jesus went there were those who were irresistibly drawn to Him. As men came saying, "We would see Jesus," so the world today still has those who are attracted to Him, but they can only see Him through the believer. The challenge, therefore, comes to the church of the 20th century: are we different enough to be relevant? ▼

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Alva Steffler



Miss Betty L. Landgraf

Mrs. Verna May Felts



New College Chosen for

Mr. E. William Male, academic dean at Grace College, has announced the appointment of six full-time faculty members for the 1968-69 academic year.

Rev. Fred Fogle, former Brethren missionary to France, has been appointed as an instructor in anthropology and missions in both the college and seminary. He received his B.A. from Grace College, his Th.B. and B.D. from Grace Seminary where his Th.M. is in preparation. While in France he received the diploma in French from Alliance Francaise in Paris, and the superior diploma in French from the University of Lyons.

Mr. Fogle taught at the European Bible Institute, serving as dean of the faculty three of the four years. Presently he is a teacher and director of missions at Grace Bible Institute of Omaha, Nebraska.

Miss Betty L. Landgraf of Mishawaka, Indiana, has been appointed as assistant librarian. She is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Toccoa Falls Institute, received her B.S. in Education from Bethel College, the M.L.S. from Indiana University Graduate School, and holds the Indiana Supervisor's License in Library Science. She has been a teacher in the Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School, Centre Township Kindergarten, and Lakeville Elementary School. For the past three years she has been Coordinator of Elementary Libraries for the Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation.

Rev. Alva W. Steffler, a former Grace faculty member, who has been serving as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, for the past four years, will be returning as assistant professor in art. He served as a full-time instructor in art during the 1959-60 academic year.

He was a student at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the

Instructors 1968-69

Fort Wayne Art School and Museum, received his B.A. from Grace College and his B.D. from Grace Seminary, and holds his M.A.T. from Indiana University.

Mr. Roland Fletcher of Winona Lake, Indiana, has been appointed as an instructor in physical education. He received his B.S. in Physical Education from Grace College, did work at Indiana University and received his M.A. in Physical Education from Ball State University. For the past five years he has been a teacher in the Warsaw (Ind.) Community Schools.

Mrs. Verna May Felts, a part-time special instructor at Grace College since 1961, has been appointed as a full-time instructor in music (piano and organ). She did her undergraduate study at Kletzing College, received her Bachelor of Sacred Music at Fort Wayne Bible College, her Master of Music at Indiana University, with additional graduate work at Indiana University, the University of Colorado and Florida State University.

Mrs. Felts has also taught at Ashbury College and Indiana University in addition to her private piano teaching and being part-time instructor at Grace.

Mrs. Mary Lou Fink, for the past five years a part-time instructor at Grace College, has been appointed as a full-time instructor in English and speech. She is a graduate of Culter Academy (Los Angeles), received her A.B. from the University of California at Los Angeles, did graduate study at Winthrop College, Long Beach City College and San Francisco State College, and received her Masters in Education from the University of Southern California.

Mrs. Fink also taught in the city schools of Compton, California, and Columbia, South Carolina, and in Dallas (Tex.) Independent Schools in addition to her instruction at Grace.



Roland Fletcher



Fred Fogle

Mrs. Mary Lou Fink





Grace News

WRAPS OFF LIBRARY BUILDING

With the advent of spring the plastic wraps came off the new library-learning center at Grace to reveal a very imposing structure taking shape on the front campus.

Throughout the bitter cold winter months the thirteen-man crew has laid thousands of concrete blocks and at least 90,000 bricks, leaving only 30,000 yet to be laid. Interior and exterior walls now clearly define the modular contemporary design of this facility.

Supporting pillars for the reinforced concrete roof structure will soon rise above the third-floor level. Hopefully, all concrete will be poured by July.

According to Max Fluke, superintendent of construction, the first floor will soon be ready for paint and tile, and in another six weeks the second floor will also be ready for paint.

Installation of steam lines, air-conditioning ducts, electrical wiring and other service facilities are all on schedule. The new $50,000 central-heating plant at the southwest corner of Philathea Hall will furnish the heat.

Library furniture and wall-to-wall carpeting are under consideration by the furnishing committee which includes E. William Male, chairman; Mrs. Ben Hamilton, librarian; Russel Dunlap, business manager; and Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., dean of the seminary.

As of April 5, $219,706 in cash and $83,556 in faith-promises (for a total of $303,262) had been received toward the estimated $650,000 cost of construction and furnishings.

Construction expenditures already exceed the total cash gifts received by almost $100,000. Funds must be borrowed constantly, therefore, in order to make up the difference and maintain the construction schedule. With the library nearly half completed, it can probably be finished by February of 1969.

Here are three suggestions whereby you might help to complete this building:

1. Send in your cash gifts regularly for the new library.
2. Make an "interest-free" loan to Grace College and Seminary.
3. Invest your money with the Brethren Investment Foundation, earmarked for the library. This in turn will be loaned to the schools.

As you continue to pray that God will supply the funds for this library, pray also for the consecrated crew of workmen who are doing an outstanding job.



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McClain Feted Before Moving

A "going-away" gift was presented to Dr. Alva J. McClain, president emeritus of Grace College and Seminary, by members of the board of trustees, faculty, and staff on the occasion of Dr. and Mrs. McClain's move to Waterloo, Iowa, on March 21. The gift provided for an "alarm" wristwatch and a reclining chair for Dr. McClain.

Dr. and Mrs. McClain had been residents of Winona Lake since 1939 when Grace Seminary was moved from Akron, Ohio.

The McClains now occupy their new home in Friendship Village, 600 Park Lane, Waterloo, Iowa 50702. The village is a new interdenominational, Christian retirement complex. Administration of the village is cared for by a Christian board of trustees, of which Rev. John Aeby, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, is president.



Dr. McClain in his new chair.

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Room and Board in College Residence Hall at the special rate of $37.50 will include:
Room available Sunday night, July 28, through Friday, August 9.
Meals beginning Monday morning, July 29, through Friday noon, August 9.

Christian teachers, school administrators, pastors and laymen are invited. Note that these two weeks will immediately precede the annual meeting of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to be held at Winona Lake, August 10-17.

Registrations with $10.00 registration fee, or requests for additional information, should be addressed to Dr. Jesse Humberd, Director of Summer School, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.



Ann Teel, Dave Plaster, Patsy Scofield, and Cheryl Knight

Innocents Abroad —in France and Mexico

Four Grace College students and one faculty member will be serving as missionaries this summer under the TIME (Training in Missionary Endeavor) program, sponsored by the Christian Education Department in cooperation with the Foreign Missionary Society and the Brethren Home Missions Council.

Serving at the Chateau de St. Albain in France with Rev. Tom Julien will be Dave Plaster, freshman, from the Grace Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio; Patsy Scofield, sophomore, from the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio; Miss Ann Teel, Instructor in Journalism, from the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio; and Cheri Knight, junior, from the Averyville Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois.

The team plans to leave New York for France on June 12 and expects to return to the States on August 21.

Roberta Estep, a sophomore, from the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, will be working with a team in Mexico under the direction of Rev. Walter Haag with headquarters in San Ysidro, California.

Through participation in singing and discussion groups, weekend retreats, and other practical work, these young people will be introduced to some of the specific needs on the mission field. Pray for this special ministry. ▼

Roberta (Bobbie) Estep



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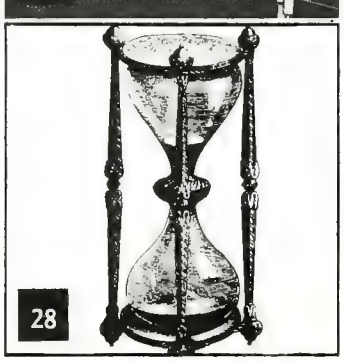
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Gutenberg Still Lives

Johannes Gutenberg met a deadline with destiny. He filed his copy on time, and the story of the printed page continues to make news to this day.

When Gutenberg and his associates invented the type mold, making printing from movable metallic type practical for the first time, they activated a movement that has continued to accelerate year after year even to the present time. Man has always had ideas that needed to be expressed. And from earliest times he developed symbols, although crude, which could give expression to his ideas. But he felt a need for some instrument that could take his symbols and effectively organize them so that his ideas could be widely disseminated. Men anticipated and worked toward a day in the future when ideas and symbols would meet the instrument of effective dissemination. In this sense they were setting a deadline—a deadline with destiny. Gutenberg met the deadline with his invention and its successful application to the alphabet.

His aim was not just the invention of a means for the dissemination of the ideas of men, but for the transmission of the gospel message. He and his associates became well-known for producing splendid books at Mainz, Germany, during the mid-1400's. But it was their magnificent 42-line Bible, commonly known as the *Mazarin Bible,* which proved that these pioneer printers had mastered the technical details of typography. They had set in motion the process for the rapid transmission of the gospel message.

Gutenberg continued to live through the efforts and activities of men who followed him in succeeding centuries. Martin Luther took a stand that challenged the religious system of his day. His writings were circulated around the world through Gutenberg's invention. Miles Coverdale and others produced versions of the Bible that were circulated widely. William Tyndale dedicated his life to the task of getting the printed Word into the hands of the common people. He challenged royalty to do it and paid for his convictions with his life. William Carey, the father of modern missions, went to India not only to preach the gospel, but also to print it in the languages of the Orient.

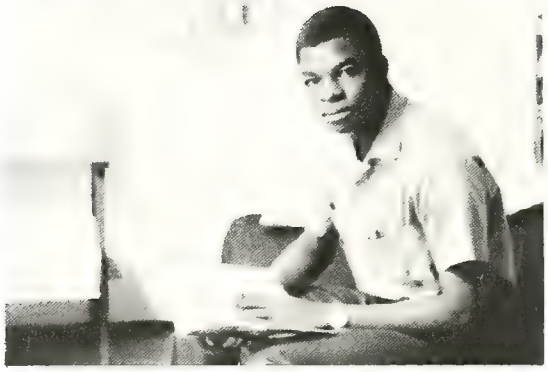
Men of God are still active in sacrificial efforts to get the message of the Book to lost men around the world. Yes, Gutenberg still lives today. Men and women are still paying with their lives to get the job done. The Gribbles, John and Betty Stam, the Auca missionary martyrs, Paul Carlson, and the six who were killed at Ban Me Thout, Vietnam, are just a few of those whose efforts are outstanding.

God is calling for recruits today. He needs those who will preach the Gospel with effectiveness and persistence to every creature. Individuals are expected to be active and also to be alert to another effective worker—the printed page. This is a tool that can assist everyone who goes with the Gospel. May the Lord help us to take advantage of the vast amount of available printed literature and to share it with the world. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company is dedicated to getting this job done. The active cooperation and participation in this work by all the members of our Fellowship is desired. In this way we can share in and follow up the work that Gutenberg and others have done. In this sense we can say, "Gutenberg still lives."

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By Noe Marandet



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(FMS editor's note: Noe Marandet, a citizen of the Central African Republic, has studied in Grace College this past year. A second generation African Christian, Noe pursued advanced studies in Bangui for two years after his graduation from the James Gribble Memorial High School at Yaloke. His presence in the U.S. as a pre-medical student has been made possible by the sponsorship and financial help of the Christian Medical Society; also, he is being assisted by the African Brethren Church. Following the years of his medical study in the U.S., he expects to return to his own country as a medical doctor.

The Sounding Board, *published by Grace College, ran the following article in two parts during this past school year. It is being reprinted here by permission of the* Sounding Board.*)*

. . . and the new



I do not know what the word "Africa" brings to your mind as an Occidental. But I know a French boy who was my classmate last year who told me about his surprise when he

came for the first time to the Central African Republic. While in France he read a lot of books about Africa, and he expected to see some savage tribes hunting wild beasts in dense jungles or some caravans crossing the hot desert of Sahara. But when he landed on the large new jet airport of "Bangui-Mpoko" and had to spend half an hour to reach the ten-story Safari Hotel in an Opel taxi, you cannot imagine his astonishment.

That is to say that Africa now presents two faces: the "old Africa" which is that of little villages inhabited by tribes constituting a primitive society and the "new Africa" with its "pro-occidental" civilization offering almost all the facilities of western civilization. You may find the first one in rural areas and the latter in some large cities.

One of the things which impressed me most when I arrived in the United States was the desire of the folks to know about Africa, especially the climate, the foods, and the customs. If you can forget your preconceived ideas, I am willing to try to satisfy your curiosity by presenting some aspects of the way of life in my country.



Situated in the heart of the African continent, Central African Republic is still ignored by many people. Unlike its neighbors, such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, this little piece of earth with its two million souls has never known civil trouble since its independence in 1960. Talking about this country, one of its great men said, "Central African Republic is the African Switzerland." I think he was referring to the peaceful, neutral and stable character of the European country.

Except for two rising hill sections in the northeast and in the north, the terrain is a rolling plateau. The flora and fauna deserve a little consideration. Its vast forests constitute a splendid landscape when seen from a plane. They hold precious woods such as mahogany. Different kinds of flowers grow in these forests. Its savannahs with their scraggly vegetation must be mentioned. In these different vegetations live all sorts of wild beasts: the almighty lion regarded as the king of animals, the ferocious tiger, the heavy elephant, the talkative monkey, and inoffensive gazelle. Let us mention the colorful birds and butterflies which attract tourists from all parts of the world. But here is something which may thrill you. People have to be very careful in these forests because of some poisonous snakes. I may also add that there are very few of them at the present time.

Although it gets too hot from time to time, the weather is generally fine the whole year. No snow, no bitter cold! We never have to worry about winter clothes. Dominated by a hot climate with a continental character, the Central African Republic possesses two main seasons almost equally divided into six months each: the rainy season from May to October and the dry season from December to April.

The way of life is very simple in the rural areas. Peaceful peasants, fishermen, and hunters compose the majority of the population. There is no comparison between our foods and American ones in quality or quantity. I think that everybody knows that the food is very simple, slight and often insufficient. I can remember a period when I did not eat for six days while attending a school situated ten miles from my home. I took nothing except water. Believe me, I was really sick the seventh day, and I could not eat when they brought me home.

If you go there someday, you can eat manioc (a tropical plant with edible starchy roots used to make bread and tapioca), vegetables, and meat of cow, pig, or chicken. There are plenty of mangoes and bananas. I wonder whether you can eat rats and snakes. But I did once.

People always eat outside except when it rains. Those who eat inside are regarded as selfish people because from outside they can invite anybody they see while eating. I may also add that I have not eaten much of this African food for three years because when I went to high school in Bangui, I had to eat French food. Now I have to get used to the American food.

By the way, I may say language is really a problem in my life. When I went to school I had to speak French, since all the courses were in French. When I went to the market, I had to speak Sango, which is the trade language there. Now when I went home during the summer vacation, I had to speak Karre, my own language. And at the present time I have to speak . . . (guess what). Although French and Sango are the two principal languages of the Central African Republic, there are about ten very different tribal languages of which I know two.

Here is another area which may interest you—music. You can expect to find some Beatles records and French ones in every high school. Nevertheless, we have to mention the existence of local orchestras producing some "bouche" or some "rumba" music for dancing. If you wish to find the Africa of "tam-tam" or "tambour," which is the authentic face of this continent, you have to leave the cities for the small villages. I do not know whether you can appreciate this simple primitive music. But let me tell you that I never liked Beethoven's symphonies or anything like that till I took some courses in appreciation of fine arts this year!

It is at night that Africa becomes mysterious. During the dry season, after gathering in all the harvest, the peasants organize great festivals (maybe for some relaxation). In every village they organize dances in the moonlight. They play the violin, tambour, every kind of rudimentary instrument.

Volumes and volumes cannot hold all one can say about the customs of this country. May these few lines give you some adequate ideas of this country. And I can end this presentation by asking you for help. We would really appreciate your help as missionaries, doctors, nurses, or teachers. ▼



Patsy Scofield



Cheri Knight (above) Ann Teel (below)



training in missionary endeavor

Four students and a Grace College instructor will head for France on June 8, forming the European team of "Training in Missionary Endeavor," a venture sponsored jointly by the Foreign Missionary Society and the Christian Education Department.

Their plane will be met in Luxembourg by Rev. and Mrs. Jim Renick, who will drive them to the Chateau of Saint Albain to begin their summer ministry of contacting youth through song, testimony, and Franco-American friendship.

The American team will be joined by Daniel Dutruc-Rosset, presently studying in the European Bible Institute, and by other young people who have found Christ in the Chateau ministry. Rev. and Mrs. Tom Julien will return to France from furlough in time to participate in this endeavor.

As you read the testimonies of these five young people, will you put them on your prayer list and remember them faithfully throughout the summer months?

Ann Teel, Instructor in English, Grace College:

God doesn't always hit us over the head with what He wants us to do. Many times He works through the ordinary events in our lives to lead us to special places of service and wonderful opportunities for blessings. That's one of the discoveries I've made at Grace College this year. Another discovery is that He has a job for me to do in France this summer. I often wonder how much I can actually do that will be of value in such a short period of time, especially considering that my French is not exactly fluent (ask my friends). But Tom Julien told us our main job is to make as many friends as possible so that young people will be drawn to the Chateau. Because I like people, I can't think of anything that would be more natural for me. So even in this adventure, the Lord has provided me work doing what I enjoy most: meeting people and showing them through my life that there is nothing better in all the world than life with Christ.

Bonnie Crouse, student, Columbia Bible College:

I first became interested in Europe when I was in high school. I had always hoped to visit there someday. Although my purpose then was to go as a tourist, God has used my desire to go to Europe for His own purposes. Since I have come to college, God has awakened in me a new interest in missions. One of my

it's time* for france

purposes for going to France is to see for myself what a mission is like. I hope this experience will give me more of a burden for the lost. I know that through this experience God is going to teach me many things about himself. My main desire is to be used of God. Please pray that Christ will be manifest in my life during this summer.

Cheri Knight, student, Grace College:

Young people need Christ today all over the world. I am thankful that Christ has given me the opportunity to share Him with the French young people. There is a definite language barrier, but God's Word is universal and we have the Holy Spirit to communicate through us. I am looking forward to watching the Lord work this summer through my life as well as those we will be meeting in France. It has been a joy to serve Christ in my own culture, and now I am excited to serve Him in a culture so different from mine where I'll be in a position of walking in total faith, trusting Him for everything.

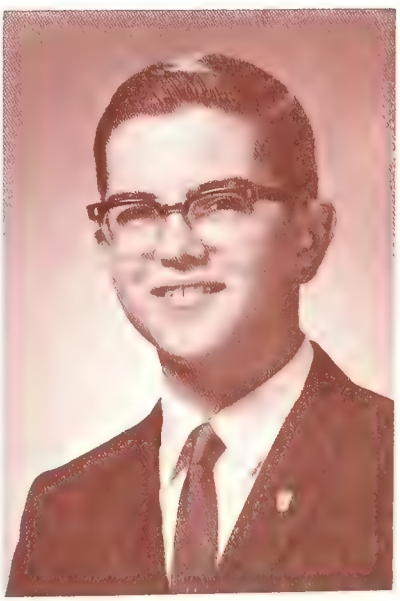


Bonnie Crouse

Dave Plaster, student, Grace College:

Today young people, more than ever before, are being used by the Lord on the mission field. I'm thankful that the Lord has given me an opportunity to discover for myself what it is really like on a mission field such as that of France. I have been interested in France since I began studying French in elementary school. Much of the language study has left me, but the interest in the nation remains. Our team will need your prayers as we attempt to communicate Christ in a new culture and in a different language. It will be a challenge to our faith and willingness to allow Him to work through us.

Dave Plaster

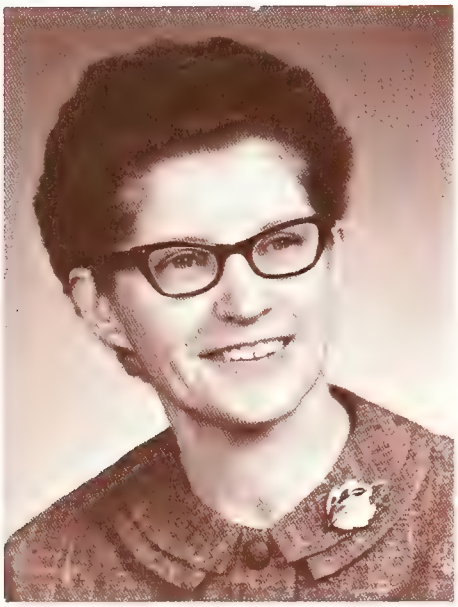


Patsy Scofield, student, Grace College:

No one can tell me that the Christian life lacks excitement. It's so thrilling to look back and see how the Lord has led in my life. I am looking forward to a wonderful experience serving the Lord this summer in France. It amazes me that God has plans to use me there, for I feel so inadequate. But I praise Him for giving me a part in His plans to tell others of the life only He can give. It took several months before I was sure that France was God's desire for me, and now I couldn't be more certain. It has been such a blessing to see how the Lord has used other Christians to help send me, and I thank Him for doing exceeding abundantly more than I could ask or think. ▼

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Traveling Missionaries



Gail Jones



Peters Family

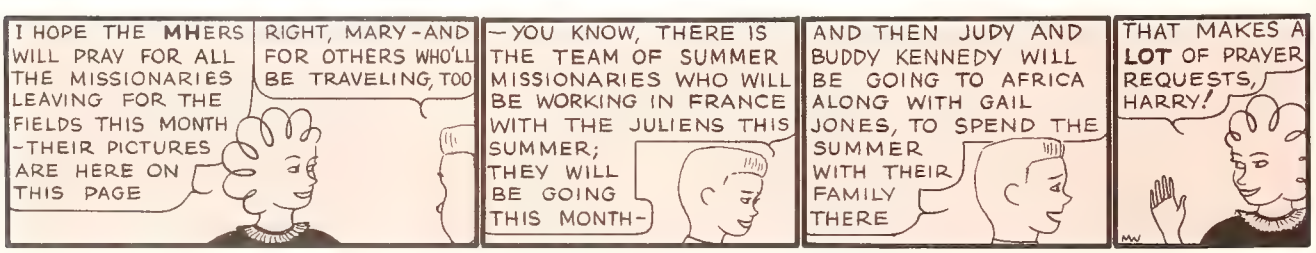
Going to Africa this month is Miss Gail Jones, a missionary nurse who is returning after several years in the U.S. Mr. and Mrs. George Peters and their four boys (from the oldest to the youngest: Daniel, 12; David, 11; Thomas, 9; and Philip, 6) are also going to Africa. They are new missionaries, and Mr. Peters will have the big job of being the mission printer.

The Tom Julien family is returning to France after a furlough. Becky Julien is 11; her brother Terry is 8; and little sister Jackie is 3.



Julien Family

HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY—



final steps for seven

"Pray ye therefore..."
—the Lord has answered abundantly!

A great step of faith was taken by the board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society in their midyear meeting this past February, when seven candidates were given final approval for foreign service. As usual, the board left it to the office to care for the details concerning the candidates' preparation for departure.

Then, several factors emerged:

(1) All these candidates were at the point where they could be prepared to go to the field within a few months.

(2) There was no doubt about the need for having these reinforcements on the fields as soon as possible.

(3) September would be the logical time for all to begin their language study.

But, in the usual course of action, at least three months is allowed between presenting the individual outfit appeals to the churches. So, how could four outfit appeals be presented when,



Mr. and Mrs. David W. Shargel

only seven months from the time of appointment, all candidates were scheduled to leave for the field?

These factors form the background for the decision to present all the candidates and their needs in one large, joint appeal. Because of the usual fine response in backing outgoing candidates, it was hoped that Brethren people would take heed of this particular situation and rally to the need.

Although all the candidates have been presented in one prayer card, each (the three couples, along with Miss Tschetter) has prepared a separate slide-tape story. The presentations of these people are now being made in the churches. Besides sufficient outfit funds, all candidates must have their total support underwritten in order to leave for the field. Therefore, the help of all Brethren churches and individuals is urgently requested so that these new missionaries may be able to depart on schedule for their fields of service.

The Christian service of Rev. and Mrs. Ernest H. Bearinger will be taking a very new direction when they depart for the foreign field. Already they have served in the roles of active lay people; Ernie was national youth director for several years; he has worked in Christian education; and, most recently, he has been a Brethren pastor in Bell, California. But, gradually, their eyes have been turned toward the needs of Brazil. Several missionaries (the Eddie Millers and Barbara Hulse) from that land were used of God to fan the flame of the Bearingers' interest until finally they felt the Lord would have them make application for missionary service. Although regular missionaries going out for the first time are usually younger people, the Bearingers have met the qualifications set up by the board and have received their appointment.

Mr. Bearinger is a graduate of Grace College and has also studied in Grace Seminary. He and Mrs. Bearinger are natives of Pennsylvania. They are the parents of two children. Their daughter, Carolyn, is Mrs. James Dowdy, who, with her husband, is also listed among Brethren foreign missionaries. They live in El Paso, Texas, serving as self-supporting missionaries who work along the Mexican border. The Bearingers' son, Charles, is a licensed Brethren minister and is an instructor in Biola College.

Rev. and Mrs. Timothy H. Farner have been looking to Brazil through most of their years of "higher education." Tim was a young teen-ager when through coming to know "Amazon Bill" Burk, his interest was turned to that land. Tim is the youngest of three sons of Brethren Pastor and Mrs. Donald Farner. He was born in Ohio, but later, as a member of a pastor's family, he moved to different parts of the country. Toppenish, Washington, was one location; this is the hometown of Mrs. Farner (Sandra).

Both Tim and Sandy are graduates of Grace College. Then, later, in 1967, Tim was graduated from Grace Seminary, following which he became assistant pastor at Columbus, Ohio, where Rev. Dave Hocking was pastor. Since Pastor Hocking left this field, Pastor Farner has been serving as interim pastor.

During Tim's seminary years Sandy worked as secretary to Dan Grabill of the Brethren Youth Council.

Little Jeff was added to the Farner family last August, destined to become, at an early age, an "MK."



Rev. and Mrs. Timothy H. Farner and Jeff

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Shargel are preparing for service in the Central African Republic, but their arrival is not scheduled until sometime in 1969, since they will be stopping in France for language study for approximately a year.

Dave was born in Ohio and lived in New York for some years before moving to California. He is a graduate of Biola College and Talbot Seminary. For the past several years he has taught school. Cheryl, a native Californian, graduated from Grace College with the class of 1968; she was a music major. Part of her college work was taken at Biola. Both of these young people had felt called to missionary service before they ever met.

Dave also has musical talent. Recreational activities has been another of his areas of endeavor.

Both Dave and Cheryl are members of the Winona Lake Brethren Church in Indiana. They are returning to California for deputation during the early part of this summer.

Miss Evelyn Tschetter has prepared extensively for missionary service. Her desire to become a missionary nurse began when she was a little girl.

Evelyn was ready for junior high when her family moved from Minnesota to Winona Lake, Indiana, and began attending the Winona Lake Brethren Church. She became a member of this church several years later. Her high school graduation was followed by two years in Grace College and three years in Parkview-Methodist school of Nursing in Fort Wayne, Indiana, resulting in a nursing diploma, along with a B.S. degree in nursing from Grace. After this, she went on to get her master's in religious education from Grace Seminary. Next came a year and a half with Frontier Nursing Service at Hyden, Kentucky, where she received a certificate in midwifery. All who train with F.N.S. receive a great deal of experience working in conditions similar to that of a mission field.

Miss Tschetter (pronounce it just as if the "Ts" weren't there), along with Mr. and Mrs. Shargel, will be studying the French language in France before continuing on to Africa.



Rev. and Mrs. Ernest H. Bearinger



Miss Evelyn Tschetter

WORLDWIDE BROADCASTING SUNDAY

Sunday, June 9, has been designated "Worldwide Broadcasting Sunday." On that day Christians are asked to unite in prayer for Christian radio and television broadcasters around the world.

In designating June 9 as Worldwide Broadcasting Sunday, International Christian Broadcasters ask all Christians to thank God for the extensive gospel outreach through radio and television, to pray for the programming, and to request the continuance and expansion of radio and television worldwide (from Missionary News Service).

Praise the Lord that gospel broadcasts are now going forth from Brethren missions in the Central African Republic, Argentina, and Brazil. Brethren people are urged to observe this request for special prayer on Worldwide Broadcasting Sunday, remembering particularly the present Brethren mission programs and the desire to increase their number and outreach.

Church News

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Chaplain (LTC) Orville Lorenz has been assigned to a tour of duty in Okinawa to begin on June 5. Chaplain Lorenz will be unable to present the Bauman Memorial Lectures at Grace Seminary in January, 1969, due to this overseas assignment.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council will assist in leading a tour of pastors, Christian leaders and laymen to eight countries in June. The tour will visit London, Berlin, Moscow, Cairo, Beirut, Baalbek, Cyprus, Tel Aviv, Athens and Rome. A special feature will be a one-day air tour of the entire battleground of the Israeli war. Rev. Pifer and forty other church leaders will depart from New York on June 4, returning June 27. Rev. Nathan Meyer, an outstanding Bible teacher in the prophetic Scriptures, and Rev. Pifer will direct the tour. The Brethren Home Missions Council Board of Directors has granted Rev. Pifer the time to make the trip.

LONGVIEW, TEX. Singspiration Music Company of Grand Rapids, Mich., has purchased two more sacred musical numbers produced by Dr. Merrill Dunlop and Dr. Raymond Gingrich, professor of Bible at LeTourneau College. The songs are "O Holy Spirit" and "By Love Constrained." Dr. Gingrich, who is well known in The Brethren Church, wrote the words of these two numbers, and Dr. Dunlop composed the musical scores. This makes four Dunlop-Gingrich productions purchased by Singspiration during 1967-1968.

CHANGES. Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ogden, 208 Hilbish Ave., Akron, Ohio 44312.

WILLIS, VA. An eight-day crusade was held at the Grace Brethren Church, April 21-27, with Ron Thompson serving as speaker. A record attendance of 160 people was established during the crusade, and there were 34 decisions made for Christ—nine were first-time decisions for salvation. George W. Hall, pastor.

PALMYRA, PA. Rev. Russell H. Weber has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church to become effective on July 1.

YORK, PA. The Grace Brethren Church broke previous Sunday-school records during April by reaching an average attendance of 213. The congregation purchased new hymnals recently, and they were dedicated to the Lord on Easter Sunday. Kenneth E. Wilt, pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF. On March 24 the Greenwood Grace Brethren Church congregation moved into their new multi-purpose building. The new building was dedicated on May 26. A father and son get-together was held recently for the purpose of introducing Christian Service Brigade. There were 39 fathers and sons in attendance. A Battalion group has been started with 12 boys, and the first meeting of the Stockade was held on May 1 with 13 boys attending. Robert C. Kliewer, pastor.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH. The Grace Brethren Church family has been blessed by musical programs presented by the Grace Ambassadors, directed by Terry White, and the Gospel Messengers Quartet from Findlay, Ohio, recently. There were eight decisions made for Christ during a six-week period. Four of these decisions were made in junior church. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

GALION, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Bell Choir presented a cantata on Sunday evening, April 14, at the Grace Brethren Church. There were 164 people in attendance, which is the highest attendance since the dedication of the church building. Everett Niswonger, pastor.



The congregation at the dedication service.

DAYTON, OHIO. On April 7 the Basore Road Grace Brethren Church building was dedicated to the Lord. Rev. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, was the special speaker for the day. The church was formally organized in January, 1963, and ground was broken for the church building in June, 1966. The church has experienced a steady growth. Russell Ward is pastor.



Left to right: Pastor Russell Ward; L. Morse Weimer, building committee chairman; Guy Bailey, chairman of trustees.

PITTSBURGH, PA. The Grace Brethren Church held Sunday services for the first time on April 21. There were 21 people in Sunday school, 30 in the worship service, and 19 in the evening service. Dean Risser, pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. Eloy Pacheco.

SIDNEY, IND. A silver tea service was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Eloy Pacheco by the Sidney Grace Brethren Church. This gift was in recognition of their faithful service while working with the senior B.Y.F. group. They have been faithful in this ministry during Mr. Pacheco's training at Grace Seminary. Rollin Sandy, pastor.

DES MOINES, IOWA. A five-day missionary conference was held at the First Brethren Church, April 7-11, which included the following speakers: Dr. Dwight Ferguson, founder of Men for Missions; Rev. and Mrs. Harold Dunning; Rev. James Marshall; Dr. Russell Barnard; and Rev. Russel Barnes, Iowa State Director of Child Evangelism. On Saturday, April 13, the Grace College Choir members had a time of fun and fellowship with the young people from the Dallas Center and Des Moines churches, and then on April 14 the choir presented its concert. During this eight-day period, 32 public decisions were made for Christ; thirty of these were made during the missionary conference. Milton Ryerson, pastor.

ELKHART, IND. Mr. and Mrs. Franz Yunker, members of the Grace Brethren Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. The North Riverdale Brethren Church has extended a unanimous call to Rev. Jesse B. Deloe, Jr., to be pastor for another year with a generous salary increase.



Rev. and Mrs. David Hocking.

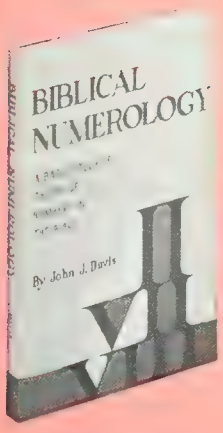
LONG BEACH, CALIF. The First Brethren Church congregation honored their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. David Hocking, with a reception recently. The reception, sponsored by the deacons and deaconesses, was well attended, and a good time of fellowship was enjoyed. The pastor's pantry was more than filled with canned goods and other gifts of food.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Two couples from the Grace Brethren Church celebrated their 25th wedding anniversaries in April. They are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Good and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor.

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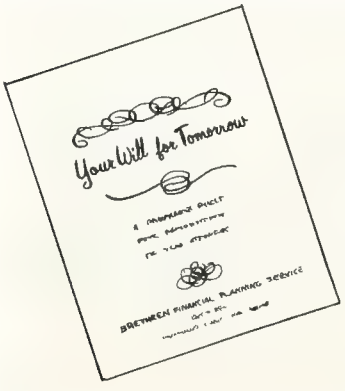


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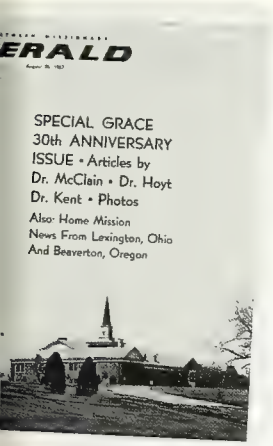




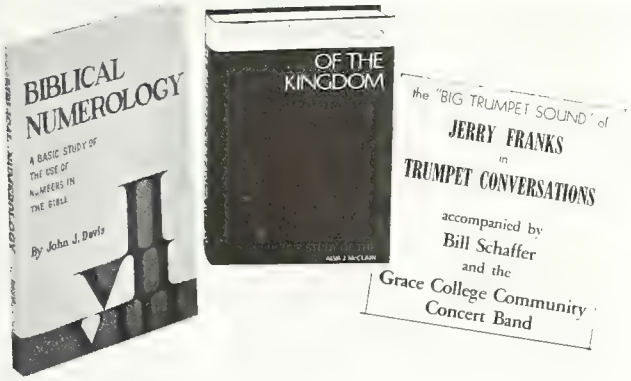








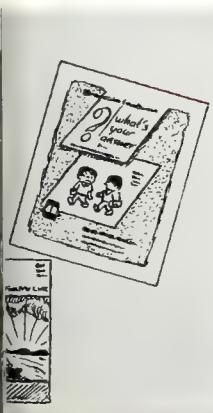
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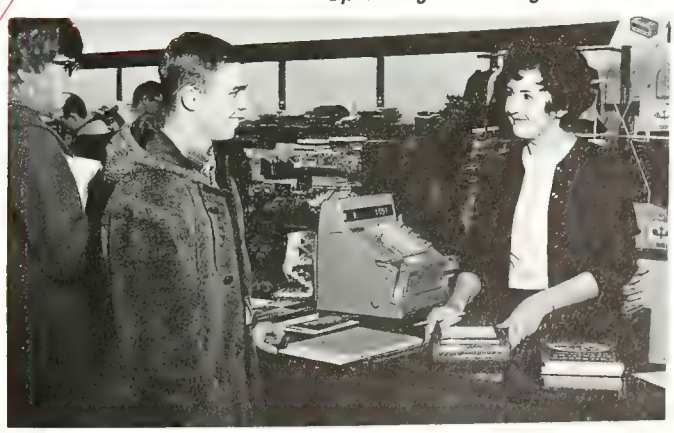


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LAYMEN NEWS AND NOTES

Compiled by Kenneth E. Herman



The "G-Men" with Rev. Bill Smith, a recent speaker at one of their meetings, on the far left.

DAYTON, OHIO. The First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, has a very unique men's organization for retirees in the church. The group is called the "G-Men," or "Men of Grace" as they would like to be called.

The men meet at the church each Thursday morning for Bible study and prayer. Each member takes his turn in leading a discussion session, using material from Campus Crusade for Christ.

The group is well organized, and reports are made of their activities at all church business meetings. Attendance has averaged twelve at the G-Men's meetings in the two years they have been organized.

A number of the men are able speakers and some play musical instruments. Once a month they are responsible for a service at the City Rescue Mission and County Infirmary, and at various times during the year they hold services at the County Correctional Farm. They are also called on frequently to assist in the services of the church: Sunday school, prayer meeting, class meetings, and so forth.

Homer Screechfield is president of this fine group of men . . . a group whose ministry is sincerely appreciated by Pastor Forrest Jackson, we're certain.

In Memory

OWEN E. HACKER

JESSE B. DELOE, SR.

These two outstanding Brethren laymen have gone to be with the Lord recently. Both were active not only in their local churches, but also in the affairs of our national fellowship; and both had served as laymen's page editor. Christian sympathy is extended to their wives and families.



Cabinet members of the North Central Ohio Grace Brethren Men. Left to right: Rev. Terrance Taylor, pastoral adviser; Harold Jones, president; Russell Enzor, vice-president; Don Vnasdale, assistant secretary; Marion Forrest, secretary, and Robert Gordon, treasurer. Not present: Dave Watson, assistant treasurer; and Dave Galloway, boy's adviser.



Harold Jones (right) presents a trophy to Lt. Ed Jackson, named "Man of the Year" by the Northern Ohio men at a recent rally.



Frank Faugl (right), treasurer of the Northern Ohio men, presents a check for $189.40 to Fred Peters, national laymen's treasurer.

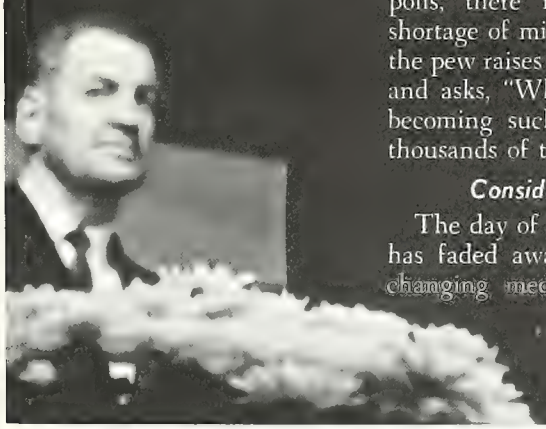
Northern Ohio Men Busy!

The men of Northern Ohio have been busy these last weeks, for with the division of the district into two districts, some reorganization and realignment has been necessary. The photos at left show some of the recent activities, and the large picture presents the new officers of the North Central Ohio Grace Brethren Men.

Your Laymen's Page Editor would like to commend Harold Jones, the president, and those men who work with him for the vision they have of what can be accomplished when men support the local church program, and join together to promote district-wide evangelism.

By
Richard
Harding

The Preacher and His People

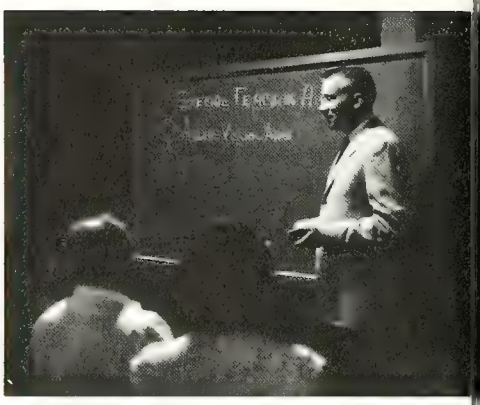


Today, we are faced with a clergy crisis. From the small, rural community to the large bustling metropolis, there is a steadily growing shortage of ministers. The layman in the pew raises his voice in amazement and asks, "Why is the empty pulpit becoming such a common sight in thousands of today's churches?"

Consider the Ministry

The day of the "hometown" doctor has faded away in the light of the changing medical profession. Like

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wise, the "old-fashioned" clergy image is rapidly disappearing from the national scene.

Of course, the obligation and contracting call for Christ's minister in 1967 is exactly the same as in the days of the apostle Paul. "And he [God] gave some . . . pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-12). Therefore, the mission of Christ's church is still a pastor who teaches and a people who serve. Yet, often between these vital goals, a great gulf exists in many evangelical churches. As one layman said recently, "It is time that the minister ceases to be the only active Christian in the church."

In order to reach the heart of the present clergy crisis, it is imperative that the man in the pulpit and the man in the pew understand the role of the minister, what he is, and the role of the laymen, who they are.

The Role of the Clergyman

Take a close examination of the average minister. Here stands an individual who is faced with a superhuman task. As he walks the same paved streets and travels the same asphalt highways as other men, he must constantly ask himself these heart-searching questions. "How can I as God's minister and a man communicate to the seeking, the sinful, and the saintly about the great and marvelous mysteries of Almighty God?" "In this totally commercial world, how can I translate the person and teachings of Jesus Christ into the emptiness of modern existence?"

The clergyman continually lives with a sense of frustration and inadequacy as both congregation and community look to him for perfect wisdom, perfect warmth, perfect willingness, and perfect zeal. Being composed of the same human clay as the next man, the minister realizes that he never fully possesses those absolute requirements.

Today, the call of the ministry represents more excitement, challenge, reward, exhaustion, and frustration than any other earthly vocation. No matter how hard he labors or how well he serves the Lord, the clergyman remains a professional target for cutting comments and thoughtless criticism.

For example, one author said, "If the pastor is young, he lacks experience. But if his hair is grey, he's too old for the young people. If he preaches from notes, he has canned sermons and is dry. But if his messages are extemporaneous, he is shallow. If he condemns wrong, he is a crank. But if he doesn't preach against sin, he's a compromiser. If he drives an old car, he is a shame to his congregation. But if he drives a new car, he's placing his interest on earthly things. If he gets a large salary, he's not dedicated and is money hungry. But if he receives a small salary, well, it proves that he isn't worth much anyway."

Actually, it makes little difference as to the size of the church, the name of the denomination or fellowship, or the geographical location of the town, the average minister must understand and accept a barrage of demands and verbal attacks as a part of his annual wage.

In the past years, the ministerial vocation has greatly changed its image. Since the layman is frequently "too busy" to include his church as a part of life except Sundays, the usual demands of many congregations upon the clergy far exceed the services of preaching, teaching, and visiting.

As a professional person, the minister is expected to be skilled in the areas of assisting the dying, the grief-stricken, the physically and emotionally ill, the shut-in, the elderly, the spiritually needy, the alcoholic, the anxiety sufferer, the depressed, and the unwed mother.

As weekly routine, the pastor's work includes an endless cycle of responsibilities from being a good friend, sharing parishoners' joys at birth and marriage, laboring as the gentle pastor, holding their hands in sickness, comforting people in sorrow, and guiding them in time of trouble to being church administrator, advertising chairman, handyman, mimeograph operator, committee leader, supper coordinator, errand boy, fund raiser, building advisor, luncheon speaker, community public servant, and general family psychiatrist on






problems about home, church, and business.

This serious demand for such time-consuming labors and strength-taxing loads has caused many qualified, dedicated ministers of Christ to realize that this is not the New Testament blueprint, which stresses involvement in God's Word and prayer as paramount (Acts 6:4). Instead, numbers of born-again pastors have turned to specialization in related fields of teaching, counseling, chaplaincy, and guidance. Although called of God, a minister must wisely consider the difference between the orders of Christ and the endless demands of man. Church work and God's work can be two different things.

The Clergyman as a Human Being

In addition to many years of undergraduate and graduate study, the investment of his life and labors to people for Christ, the pastor must also examine the price tag upon his home security. The title of clergyman does not shield him from trials and testings which confuse and upset other families. Yet, oftentimes, the man of God is forced to face and carry his burdens alone.

The pastor is deeply concerned over financial indebtedness. Church salaries are frequently fifteen to twenty years behind the normal wage. He is burdened about his children's happiness, proper education, and general welfare. The minister is often perplexed about his lack of rest and diversion in the light of his exhausting work schedule. The national figures indicate that the average clergyman works at 60.2 hour-a-week with no overtime incentive.

A minister is truly a person called of Christ, but is limited by the same physical, emotional, and spiritual needs as the layman. It is essential, therefore, that the layman understand the pastor's role is not to carry the church's load, but to teach the congregation how to do God's work. The call from a local church must be delivered with the idea of sharing the load and not with the intention of "paying a clergyman to love and serve God for the congregation."

The Role of the Layman

A successful church is always the result of a working combination of pastor and laymen with Christ (Acts 6:1-8). To insure this goal, the layman must pray for the minister. It is so easy to publicize his faults and shortcomings. If the church member must talk about the man in the pulpit, he should talk over the matters with the Lord and then leave the burdens with Him. If anyone needs prayer in this Space Age, it is the dedicated individual laboring in the ministry. More time at God's throne and less time on the phone would solve many church heartaches.

Secondly, the layman should encourage the man of God. The average person would be surprised if he knew how many preachers go for weeks and months without the slightest bit of tangible or verbal appreciation. As the layman desires words of human interest about a job done to the best of his ability, the pastor needs the honest expressions of the congregation's confidence and support.

Thirdly, the man in the pew must recognize and assume his work load for Jesus Christ. The layman attends church to "take in God's Word" and then goes forth "to give out God's love" to the unsaved. This is really what church is all about. There's far more to church membership than sitting in a pew or contributing a generous check in the offering plate. Christianity is a team proposition. Each layman has an obligation to help carry Christ's load in the local community from Monday to Saturday. God is not dead, but many of His laymen appear this way regarding service.

When the appeals come for dedicated workers in the church, the man in the pew must stop pushing the job onto the other fellow or must stop saying, "Let the pastor do it." Active laymen in any Bible-believing church will guarantee a more effective minister in his study of God's Word and Jesus Christ. If every member would "carry" his or her share of the Lord's work, the church would run far more smoothly and the "ministerial drop-outs" could become a situation of the past. The greatest appeal to a genuine minister of Christ is not salary, church size, or personal benefit, but rather a sincere, sacrificial, serving congregation.

"Ye are a chosen generation (Pastor and People) . . . a peculiar people; that he should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (I Peter 2:9). ▼

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Worldscope

DALLAS, Tex. (EP). The largest merger in American church history united The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church April 23, creating the biggest Protestant communion in the nation. Called the United Methodist Church, the two churches both trace their origins to an 18th century Anglican revivalist, John Wesley. The new church forms a communion of more than 12 million members in the U.S. and abroad.

SEATTLE, Wash. (EP). A sudden upsurge of lay people offering their skills and talents to the church has denominational leaders both happy and frustrated, according to two officials of the United Presbyterian Church. The trend was described by the Rev. Robert R. Crothers, associate general secretary, Board of National Missions, and Max Browning, executive secretary of the general department of personnel and field services. Browning, a layman, says his files right now have 7,000 dossiers of lay people seeking work with the church. This situation would not have been true half a decade ago, he said. Mr. Crothers said while there is a drift away from the church because of the increase in secularization of society, there is also a drift toward the church by lay people who want to become involved "in something that counts personally in the life of the world." He said the church feels frustrated because of its inability to use all of the people capable of working in various endeavors. The church is simply unprepared for this sudden interest of lay people, he said.

HONG KONG (EP). Recent claims that Scriptures are being smuggled into the China mainland are ridiculous, according to Christian escapees from the Communist country. "It is hardly possible to meet together for brief fellowship," one Christian man formerly imprisoned for his faith is quoted in Asia News Report. "It would be absolutely impossible to distribute Bibles in our fanatically Communist land." The report said that current claims that huge quantities of Bibles and Testaments are finding their way into Red China from a Hong Kong base have no foundation in fact.

JERUSALEM (EP). Israeli police broke up a march by Arab women here protesting a planned Israel Independence Day celebration May 2. The Arabs were so angered by the plans to hold a military parade in former Arab areas of Jerusalem that Jordan called for an emergency United Nations Security Council session to try to block what is called a violation of the cease-fire. Palestinian Arab commands warned that if Israel goes ahead with plans for the parade in former Arab areas of Jerusalem the Jews "will face untoward consequences." The threat came from the Palestine Liberation Organization and was broadcast by radio Cairo.

CATHOLICS (EP). There were 47,468,333 Roman Catholics in the United States as of January 1—representing an increase of 603,423 over the previous year and accounting for 23.7 percent of the total polulation.

DISSATISFACTION (EP). Reports of dissatisfaction and threats of withdrawal by some conservative groups arose as the new United Methodist Church was formed by merger of The Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren denomination. Dissatisfaction was apparently confined to persons within the former EUB Church. Some 80 percent of the EUB's Pacific Northwest Conference's 11,000 members have threatened to withdraw from the new 12 million-member church.

EDUCATION (EP). Protestant churches, "no longer a force at either the elementary or secondary level," soon will have equally little influence at the college and university level if present trends continue, said Dr. William P. Tolley, chancellor of Syracuse University. He told alumni of educational institutions related to the United Methodist Church that the percentage of students enrolled in church-related and other private colleges and universities declines each year. At present, he said, private schools account for only 32.1 percent of the total enrollment and it is predicted that within the next decade the enrollment in private institutions will be less than 20 percent.

Move to Berrien Springs

By Mrs. Harold Mason
Missionary on Furlough

Last year when Harold and I first heard of Berrien Springs, Michigan, as a place of employment, we were not at all enthusiastic. Should we move there? Our friends were all at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and we could work and help in the Fort Wayne church. For some reason, which we could not understand, our Lord indicated that we were to move to Berrien Springs. Before making the final decision, we found that there was a struggling home-missions church there which had been closed for a few years and reopened less than a year before. We began to think that maybe we could help in some way.

When one makes a decision to move, there is always the need of a place to live; and when you have six children, it is sometimes difficult to find a place adequate for all. In order for Harold to start to work at Berrien Springs, we had about two weeks to find a place to live, to get our things moved, and to finish off all necessary business at "home." Was this possible? We drove to Berrien Springs and were shown one house, expecting to have a choice of possibly another, but there was no other. The Lord had provided. "For thou art great and doest wondrous things" (Psa. 86:10).

The first Sunday we entered the church, there was but a handful of people, about 35, and the pastor was sick and unable to attend. I'm sure I had misgivings and must have said in my heart, "Lord, is this all the bigger this church is? Why did we have to come here? Where will the fellowship be for our family?" I was soon to find out. The pastor has a large family, as we do, and there has been wonderful fellowship. We have also learned to love many others here.

I have found that work in a home-missions church is different than in a church that is already established. It is rewarding work when you are working for the Lord and with a pastor who is indeed enthusiastic and on fire for the Lord.

One of the first things I asked was "Do you have a WMC group going here?" The answer was negative.

"Well, while at conference would it be all right to pick up the material so we can get one started?"

"Sure, go ahead."

So I did, but it was not God's time to start the women's group.

The pastor asked me if I would take charge of getting a Missionary Helpers Club started on prayer meeting nights, and "here is the material."

"Gulp! Well, I guess I could try, but I don't know anything about it."

So we started. For several weeks Mrs. Poirier and I had eight members. You say, "Well, that's a pretty good start." I agree, except that the fact remained that they were all from Pastor Poirier's family and our own. Sometimes it helps to have a big family.

What a blessing this group has been. We have seen it grow from our eight to fourteen regular members, and this does not include two of our older members who dropped out to attend the regular prayer meeting. We have an attendance now of twelve to eighteen every week. We have a friendly contest on to see who has the largest group out on Wednesday evening, the young people and adults or the boys and girls. So far the adult group has surpassed the boys and girls only once. We praise the Lord for this group of boys and girls. Many of our group had never prayed before and are now praying for our missionaries. If you want to receive a real blessing, join a group of children in their prayer time. It is indeed rewarding.

When we first started our meetings, we decided to go through our mission field in alphabetical order, which meant Africa first. This was, of course, a delight to me and a field I could work on with a little background knowledge. It was a joy to me to teach our children about the various phases of the work in Africa. Upon going on to other mission fields, I have to dig a little deeper to learn myself; but it has given me better understanding of the other fields of service.

What about my first desire to see a WMC group started here? My prayers and the prayers of others have not gone unheard. Last fall four ladies attended the fall WMC district rally. This spring five of us attended the spring rally at the end of March. The enthusiasm and desire was caught, and the following Tuesday, April 2, a group of eight women got together to see about getting started. On April 16 we had our first meeting with the Bible study and all. We had nine women present. We are making plans to elect officers this summer and to officially have an organized group by conference time, so we can be recognized, too. Do pray for our group. Pray that it might be organized for His honor and glory.

His blessings have been many this past winter. From our first Sunday with thirty-five people in Sunday school we have watched our group grow and reach a peak of seventy one Sunday. We are now reaching for a goal of 116. Don't forget to pray for this church. It needs your prayers. This is the church that refused to be closed. May it be a lighthouse for the Lord Jesus Christ here in this community. "I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart" (Psa. 86:12). ▼

What Will Happen to Marie?

By Mrs. Wayne Beaver

June is the month for brides. However, in Africa, as in America, any month will do. (Our own lovely daughter is an April bride.) Yes, any month will do if the marriage prerequisites have been fulfilled. In Africa the main prerequisite is, of course, the dowry.

Alas, brides are going up! Dowries have more than doubled. Inflation is here! The old standard asking price—several female goats and chickens, a few spears, grass mats and other various and sundry simple household furnishings, plus a few thousand francs in cash—has drastically changed. The traditional animals are still requested, plus items like bicycles, sewing machines, tools, radios, and maybe even a typewriter, plus *several* thousand francs. One prospective son-in-law recently offended the father-in-law-to-be by exclaiming over the bride's price, "Why that's enough to buy a Deux Chevaux!" (A Deux Chevaux is a small, French, two-horsepower car.)

What is a young man to do? Few can raise the price themselves. So, of course, they must continue the old custom of letting their families buy their brides. However, not just their immediate family is included; all uncles and aunts, greats and great-greats, cousins—first, second, and third—and all the shirt-tail relatives on down the line have a bit to say. And, unfortunately, in these large family "cooperatives," there are often many relatives still in heathendom.

We have heard a culture such as this extolled by some. They say there are no widows and orphans in such a setup since the wife and children are property of the deceased's family and as such are always cared for. But often this care—or more accurately, jurisdiction—is in the hands of a heathen head of the family or elder brother. Some of our Christian widows and their children have to endure great hardships, privations, and testings under the rule of their non-Christian in-laws.

Pray for these widows. And pray for the Church in Africa. Pray that it will break with the old traditions and family ties when such conflict with Christian principles. Thus far, the African Christians have hesitated to "offend" their old culture in many of its rules, especially regarding family trees. Pray that they will dare to trust God, and Him alone, to supply all their needs, the temporal as well as the spiritual. Pray that they will seek the Lord's wisdom in establishing truly 100 percent Christian "family ties" regarding the Christian homes of the future.

Too many of our Christian widows have "fallen" neath the heavy yoke of bondage that non-Christian in-laws have placed on them.

"How is it with Marie and her children?" I asked. The only responses I received were averted eyes and sad shaking of heads. Nobody wanted to tell me.

At last I learned what my mind had ascertained, but my heart did not want to accept. Marie, as so many other widows, was now living in the big capitol city, gaining money by whatever means she could. Two of her children, her teen-age daughter especially, were running the streets of the big city.

How my heart hurt! My mind went back to the morning that the sad news of David's death had come over the radio on our morning mission broadcast. We, with the local African pastor, were holding classes up in the northwest section of our field. After we had prayed together for Marie and the children, I turned to the pastor, who knew them well, and inquired, "What is to become of Marie and the children now?" He replied, "Madame, you know." Yes, I knew. David's older brother, a non-Christian, and a man of violent temper in contrast to mild-mannered David, would now be in charge of Marie and her six children. I shuddered, for I remembered the times that Marie had spoken up to him when he had taken advantage of her kind husband.

I protested to the pastor, "But, it isn't right! You know it isn't right!" His only response was, "Madame, it's our way."

Yes, it is their way. And Marie, who was a good Christian woman, had run away from it after several hard years, and was now living questionably in the big capitol city. Of course we can't condone her actions, for God's grace is sufficient for every need, had she but appropriated it daily, hourly. No, God had not failed her, but had His people? I wish I had prayed more faithfully for her. And now I must pray earnestly and consistently concerning the cause of Christian widows and orphans in this dark land. Will you?

Christian women in America *W*omen *M*anifesting *C*hrist, thank God humbly for your Christian liberty. Then pray for your sisters-in-Christ in Africa and other heathen lands. Pray that in the *near* future these Christian widows may have the liberty and blessed privilege of bringing up their own "bairns" in the nurture and admonition of the Lord with the loving help of other Christians within the Church.

Ask God to give His Church in Africa wisdom to work this out in *His* way. ▼

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In 1961 it was decided to build a residence for the missionaries who had retired, and to leave the 5th Street residence for missionaries on furlough. The WMC executive board presented the challenge to the ladies at national conference. In a period of four years $13,140.44 was given toward the lots and dwelling. In addition a sufficient amount was given to care for the equipment of the new residence.

The new residence, Philathea House, has four apartments, two guest rooms, and a utility room. Each apartment was furnished quite the same except each lady chose a chair to her own liking.

It's been fun and challenging! What has? Investing the money that your councils have so generously given to purchase and maintain two missionary residences.

When the Brethren headquarters moved to Winona Lake, it involved the purchase of a residence for our missionaries to live in while on furlough. The Foreign Missionary Society purchased the dwelling on 5th Street, Bethany House, and the WMC ladies set out to make it comfortable. Each floor comprised an apartment; hence, flooring, refrigerators, stoves and furniture were needed to make each apartment comfortable.

The committee searched in many stores to find quality merchandise at fair prices. They were spending the Lord's money and considering the comfort of our missionaries. As we look over the list of purchases, we read, rugs, blankets, mattresses, pillows, and many more items right down to the dust mop, funnel, and tea strainer.

Periodically your committee consults the missionaries as to their needs and also checks the supplies in both residences.

You have done a good work. Keep it up!—*Mrs. Harold Etling* ▼

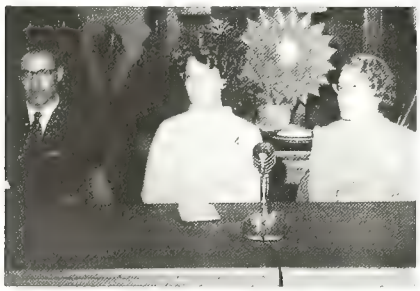


WMC News

Iowa District

Although we are referred to as the Iowa District, we have eight churches in Iowa, one in Winona, Minnesota, and one in Omaha, Nebraska.

We had our first rally of the WMC year at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on October 19, where we heard thrilling reports from national conference and had a wonderful time of fellowship together. Our project offering went to purchase a record player for the James Gribble Memorial High School as a tribute to Mary Emmert, a missionary, who spent many years in Africa, and who is now living in her home in Dallas Center, Iowa. Our speaker for the day was Mrs. Eunice Barnes, who is in Child Evangelism work.



Panel discussion. Left to right: James Marshall, Kay Lane and Mrs. Harold Dunning.

In February the executive board met at Amana to plan for the spring rally, which was to be held on April 4 at Des Moines. This date was set to coincide with the time when missionaries were to be in our district.

As this day dawned, it found the ladies of the Iowa District WMC scurrying around to get home affairs in order, so that they could be off to the rally.

After a few moments of greeting, we heard music from the sanctuary, and realized it was time to start our day. As usual the day began with enthusiastic singing as we praised our wonderful Lord. Devotions, special music, and business followed. This was the time for our annual election, and Mrs. Russel Carter of Dallas Center was elected to be our new WMC president.

Our spring project offering was designated for the Omaha, Nebraska, home-mission church (Fred Fogle, present pastor) to be used to purchase folding chairs. Over $218 was given toward this project.

Following the business meeting, we enjoyed a message from Mrs. Harold Dunning, missionary to Africa. She reminded us that God is the Lord of the harvest and He plants us where He wants us to bear fruit for Him.

Noon found us gathered around beautifully decorated tables and enjoying a lovely lunch, prepared by the ladies of the Des Moines church.

The highlight of the afternoon was a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Barnard. Missionaries on the panel were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunning, James Marshall, and Kay Lane, missionary to Nigeria. Four pastors and four WMC ladies took part, asking questions which resulted in many enlightening facts and better insight into the fields represented.

It was a wonderful day, and all too soon it was time to say goodbye.

Problems? Yes, but they seem smaller after we have been together and laid them before the Lord, for with Him nothing is impossible. ▼



The theme was illustrated at the front of the church.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

Africa—

Mrs. George Peters August 10
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Ruth Kent August 21
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. J. P. Kliever August 21
B. P. 13, Baibokoum, Chad, Africa

Argentina—

Mrs. Lynn Schrock August 17
Casilla de Correo 530, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Rev. Clark Miller August 18
Circunscripcion 4, Seccion 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina, S. A.

Lynette Marie Cover August 21, 1958
Marcelo Alvear 703, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Brazil—

Rev. Bill Burk August 5
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Kevin Wayne Wallace August 19, 1965
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

France—

Terry Lee Julien August 27, 1959
Chateau de St. Albain, 71-Fleurville, France

Mexico—

Phillip Valdo Guerena August 10, 1959
Apartado 8-961, Mexico 8, D. F.

Rev. Jack B. Churchill August 20
518 Blackshaw Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

Puerto Rico—

Ruth Elaine Brenneman August 16, 1955
P. O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico 00922

In the United States—

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Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Gloria Elizabeth Mason August 13, 1951
159 Orchard Drive, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103

Dr. Floyd Taber August 16
101 Fourth Street, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Susan Robbins August 19, 1954
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Miss Elizabeth Tyson August 25
105 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Southern California-Arizona District News



French pastries and coffee were served under the canopy.

The Southern California-Arizona WMC Rally took its setting at the North Long Beach Brethren Church with a French motiff. French pastries and coffee were served under the canopy by Mrs. Carol Schuler, Mrs. Sara Kradjian, and Mrs. Dorothy Kane.

A project goal of $600 was set for the youth work in France. At the noon luncheon slides of France and the work at the Chateau were narrated by Lois Ringler and Mrs. Jobson.

Over 300 ladies gathered to hear Missionaries Mrs. O. Jobson and Miss Lois Ringler. The speaker for the afternoon session was Mrs. Marjorie Fay, missionary to Argentina. There were three retired missionaries present: Mrs. Loree Sickel, Miss Johanna Neilsen, and Mrs. Chauncey Sheldon.

The day was crowned with many blessings. The day of prayer was observed with prayer groups meeting in different areas of the church. The district WMC officers presided over the prayer groups.

The Southern California-Arizona WMC groups are looking forward to their May district rally to be held at the First Brethren Church of Long Beach. The theme for the day will be "Delights of the Deep" with Hawaii as the missionary emphasis. ▼



Left to right: Mrs. Nelson Fay, Mrs. Loree Sickel, Miss Johanna Neilsen, Mrs. Orville Jobson, Mrs. Chauncey Sheldon and Miss Lois Ringler.



Enjoying fellowship around the tables . . .



Ideas for Your SMM

The following are ideas from various SMM groups. Perhaps you can save this list and refer to it throughout the coming year, adding your own ideas to it. Begin now to discuss, plan, and think of ways in which you can improve your own SMM group in the coming year. (The SMM group submitting the idea is listed in parenthesis after each item.)

PARTIES

Bowling party (Conemaugh, Pa., Pike)
Roller skating party (Listie, Pa.)
Hiking, with a picnic (Kittanning, Pa., First)
"Family Night" skating party (Hollidaysburg, Pa.)
Pizza party (Berne, Ind.)

DINNERS

Spagetti dinner at home of patroness (Conemaugh, Pa., Pike)
Father-daughter banquet (Uniontown, Pa.; Denver, Colo.; Buena Vista, Va.)
Begin the year with a WMC-SMM banquet where the girls are introduced to their respective patronesses. (Bellflower, Calif.)
SMM-WMC dinner where the SMM girls decorate, serve as hostesses, and present a program for the WMC women. (Portis, Kans.)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

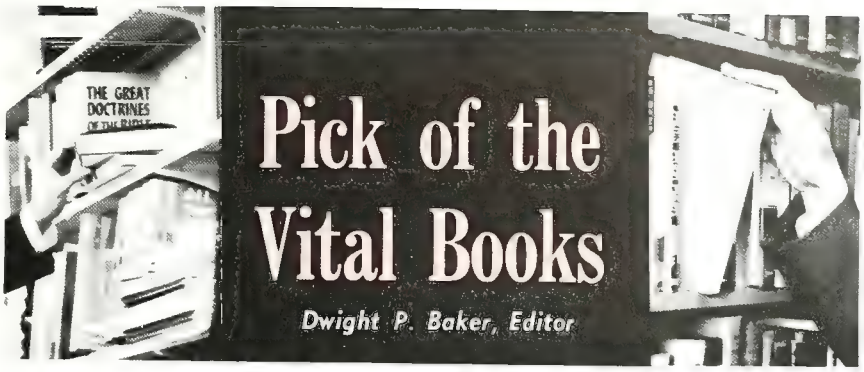
Make candy and cookies for young people in the service or attending school away from home. (Conemaugh, Pa.; Lexington, Ohio)
Buy items for the missionary chest. (Kittanning, Pa.)
Send out invitations for the next SMM meeting. (Kittanning, Pa.)
Give a bridal shower for someone special. (Kittanning, Pa.)
Make rugs for the church kitchen. (Kittanning, Pa.)
Clean chairs at the church. (Meyersdale, Pa.)
Each girl hand out one tract per month. (Hollidaysburg, Pa.)
Girls give their tithe money to SMM. (Hollidaysburg, Pa.)
Each girl sew a finger-tip towel for her WMC prayer mother. (Lexington, Ohio)
Conduct a survey for the church. (Lexington, Ohio)
Visit local Nursing Home to sing and talk to the people. (Ashland, Ohio)
Pot and care for orange tree plants. (Ashland, Ohio)
Set up a "Question Box" in which the girls place questions to be discussed or answered by patroness and/or girls at the regular SMM meetings. (Barberton, Ohio)
Make green skirts alike—each girl to make her own. (Ankenytown, Ohio)
Invite mothers to attend the first meeting of the year with their daughters. The mothers are clued in on what goals the girls have to complete throughout the coming year, so they can be of help and encouragement to their daughters. (Akron, Ohio)
Have a hair-styling demonstration for the girls, put on by one of the beauticians from the church, if possible. (Denver, Colo.)

PLAN AHEAD

Begin thinking now about attending the SMM sessions at Brethren National Youth Conference this year.

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Make Love Your Aim

Eugenia Price (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1967), 191 pages, $3.95.

Eugenia Price is well known in Christian circles for her more than one dozen books. Most of her works stress the importance of practical Christianity in addition to knowing sound doctrine. The present volume has a similar thrust with the thesis that because God is love, then love should control every move of those who belong to God.

Miss Price is not a theologian, and some of her conclusions will no doubt disturb a few people. However, for the most part the book is stimulating and challenging. Her style is fresh and easy to read. It reveals that she is writing from her own personal experience in relating the love of God to the everyday issues of life.

The book is recommended to be read especially by those who can appreciate an author who dares to step on their toes.—*Mrs. Mabel Peek*

Adamant and Stone Chips: A Christian Humanist Approach to Knowledge

Virginia R. Mollenkott (Waco, Texas: Word Books, 1967), 113 pages, $3.50.

At the conclusion of his *Confessions*, Augustine prayed, "Let thy works praise thee that we may love thee, and let us love thee that thy works may praise thee" (page 34). For Augustine it was a privilege for the Christian to receive the bounties of nature and the benefits of man's cultural tradition both as gracious gifts from God. To him all truth is one. It springs from God as its source, no matter who is the human "discoverer." Thus, Augustine holds that the believer must be a Christian humanist who with a generous spirit critically sifts man's cultural heritage to appropriate the truth God has chosen to give him through other men.

In his day John Calvin said the same thing in a striking manner. "Whenever . . . we meet with human writers, let us learn from that light of truth which is admirably displayed in their works that the human mind, fallen as it is and corrupted from its integrity, is yet invested and adorned by God with excellent talents. If we believe that the Spirit of God is the only fountain of truth, we can neither reject nor despise truth wherever it may appear, unless we wish to insult the Spirit of God; for the gifts of the Spirit cannot be undervalued without offering contempt and reproach to the Spirit Himself" (pages 36-37).

It is in this sense that Dr. Mollenkott pleads for a Christian humanism. Her request that evangelicals interact with their literary heritage is well written, though sometimes didactic in style. The book is flavored throughout with examples of the type of appropriation and Christian criticism recommended.

The Living Story of Jesus

Kenneth N. Taylor (Glendale, California: Regal Books, and Wheaton, Illinois: Tyndale House, 1967), $4.95.

Take the outstanding incidents in the life of Christ from the *Living Gospels*, combine them with illustrations by Merrill Fillmore, and—presto—the result is a very attractive Bible story book for beginning readers.

The text is excellently edited. The smooth movement of the story carries the reader along, and the vigorous renderings of the *Living Gospels* supply punch.

A portion of the art work is in color. It deserves commendation in itself. While the angels still look effeminate, the representations of Jesus are definitely masculine.

The American Far Right: A Case Study of Billy James Hargis and Christian Crusade

John Harold Redekop (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1968), 232 pages, $4.50.

Hargis is the most influential "political evangelist" in the American South and Southwest. His views and the techniques of his personal, radio, and literature ministry are parallel to those of Dr. Carl McIntire, a more familiar figure in other areas of the country. The special fusion of religion and politics proffered by these men is a powerful current in the stream of fundamental Christianity today, and its importance fully justifies the kind of intense scrutiny and dispassionate evaluation Redekop gives it.

As the finest study yet produced on the Hargis-McIntire viewpoint, *The American Far Right* should be, for fundamental Christians, the most important book of the year in the political field.—*John A. Renick*

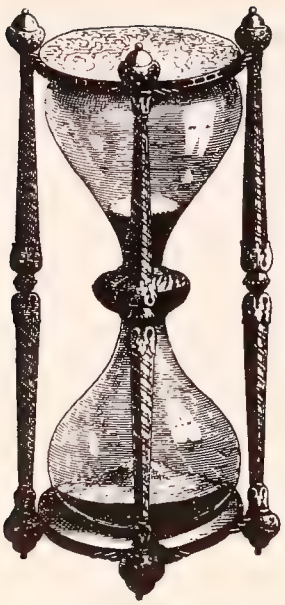
202 Things to Do

Compiled by Margaret M. Self (Glendale, California: G/L Publications, 1968), paper, 208 pages, $.95.

Need "finger fun" ideas for preschool children? They are here in abundance. An index is provided.

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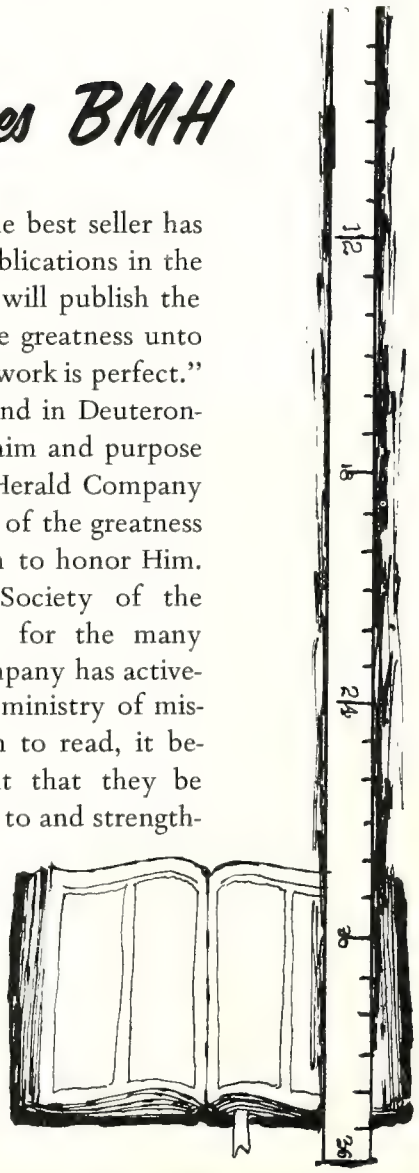
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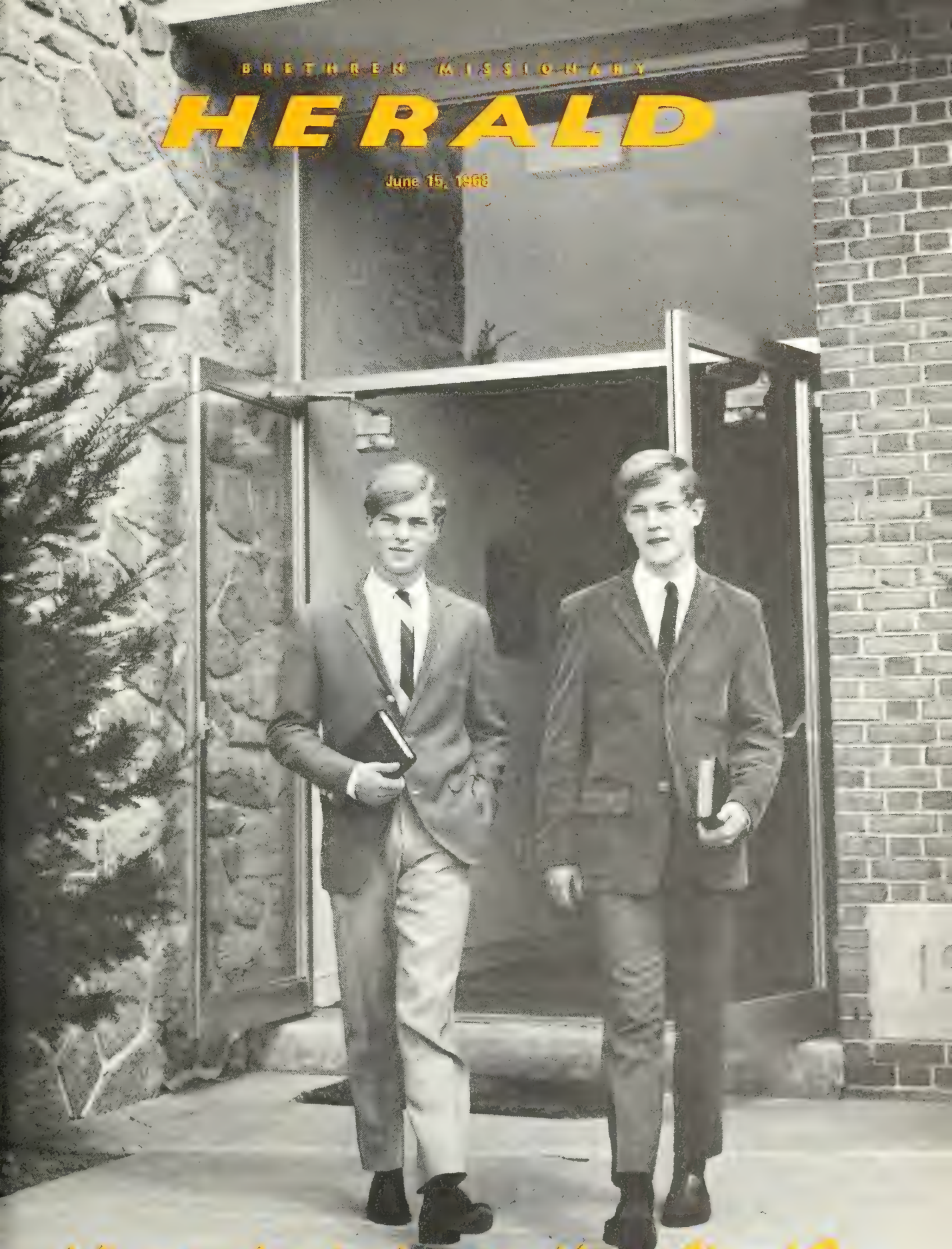
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Dr. and Mrs. Kliever

Jake Kliever is a man of God and a man of the people. He wins his way into hearts in the dual approach of his friendliness and his sincere ministry in the Word of God. In view of the former, the title of "Dr. Jake" sounds a bit strange, but with the latter it is apropos.

The bestowing of the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Jake Kliever by Grace Theological Seminary is an honor well deserved. His fellow ministers in the NFBC selected him for the honor. They chose well. Long years of faithful service vindicate the choice.

In my mind I visualized two Klievers receiving that award—Jake and Freda. What a team they have been over the years! Some of us remember them as far back as their courtship days and can say that these two have worked together all the way. They have walked hand in hand as one, dedicated to God and devoted to one another. And all along the way they have gained and carried along with them a host of friends.

Jake has run the gamut of activities. At a young age he was a successful businessman—an experience that has helped him in his ministry for the Lord. He has served well as youth director, musician, youth camp worker, and has on occasion assumed pastoral duties. As a counselor to young and old he is outstanding. He is a recognized authority in conferences and evangelistic meetings. He is always in demand as a speaker.

But most of all Jake is a missionary statesman. He genuinely loves the people of the world and the people of Africa in particular. In applying himself to learning their languages and adapting to their customs, he has endeared himself to them. In a true sense of the word this veteran missionary is a pioneer in working with and teaching Africans. Since they love and respect him, they will listen to him and will heed his message. Because of this, he has done a job of training African pastors that is unique. He has developed programs of instructing these men in their local districts that is producing outstanding results. Comparable to his work with pastors is his work with youth. Young people gather about him to catch his joviality, but more important to learn from him the things of God.

His fellow missionaries have shown their confidence in him by electing him Field Superintendent, the highest honor they could bestow. In this position in the city of Bangui he faced up to the task of working with government officials as well as with his fellow missionaries.

However, he admits that he is not satisfied to be a city administrator. He wants to be out in the villages where the going is rough, but to him more enjoyable. At present he is pioneering a new work in the Chad Republic. There, too, they think he is great!

Best wishes in the Lord, Dr. and Mrs. Jake! ▼



The Grace Brethren Church, Beaverton, Oregon.

Dedications mean triumph to the people of Beaverton, Oregon. This one was . . .

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Vice-moderator Earl Nelson (left) presents the church keys to George Zook, trustee.



Pastor Luke E. Kauffman.



A capacity crowd of 115 people sang, "Praise Him! Praise Him!" as the Grace Brethren Church of Beaverton, Oregon, dedicated their new sanctuary and educational facilities.

The church began in the fall of 1964 when a nucleus of young believers met for the first time as the Beaverton Bible Class. The teacher was Rev. Neil Beery, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Portland. Ten months later the congregation dedicated their new chapel. The chapel could comfortably seat sixty-five. In this one room—30' by 30'—the Sunday school had to divide into seven classes. If a student tried hard enough, he could hear six different teachers at one time. As a result, Mr. David Newkirk, superintendent, often wondered what it would be like if, just once, he could offer his teachers self-contained classrooms.

After Rev. Beery moved to Beaumont, California, the preaching was supplied by Rev. Duane Jorgens, interim pastor; and Rev. William H. Schaffer, the new pastor at Portland. In March, 1966, Rev. Luke E. Kauffman was called to be the first full-time pastor.

Exactly twelve months later the congregation voted to build again. The one-room chapel could no longer accommodate the growing Sunday school and the morning worship service. A local architect was hired, and building plans were immediately sent to the Brethren Investment Foundation. The church requested $25,000 to build 4,300 square feet. The BIF granted the loan, and construction began in August, 1967, with volunteer labor. On the first Sunday of October a severe coastal storm tore off the newly completed roof. The congregation went back to the task of building again. Due to replacing the destroyed roof with volunteer labor, the building fund acquired a profit of $2,000 from the insurance, after the cost of all the materials was paid. This amount in addition to the $25,000 loan gave the church $27,000 for their new building. "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

For their dedication speaker, the congregation invited Rev. John W. Mayes. Rev. Mayes, a member of the board of directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council, deliv-

Rev. John W. Mayes, speaker for the dedication service, addresses the congregation.



The congregation on Dedication Day.





The church's new kitchen gets a workout! Serving at the reception are (l to r): Mrs. Earl Nelson, Mrs. Lee Bate, and Mrs. David Smoot.

ered a stimulating message from Acts 2:41 to 47. Greetings were received from Rev. Robert W. Thompson, Western Field Secretary for the council. The church is extremely grateful to the Brethren Home Missions Council for their valuable counsel during the building program. The work of home missions is a must in today's twentieth century America!

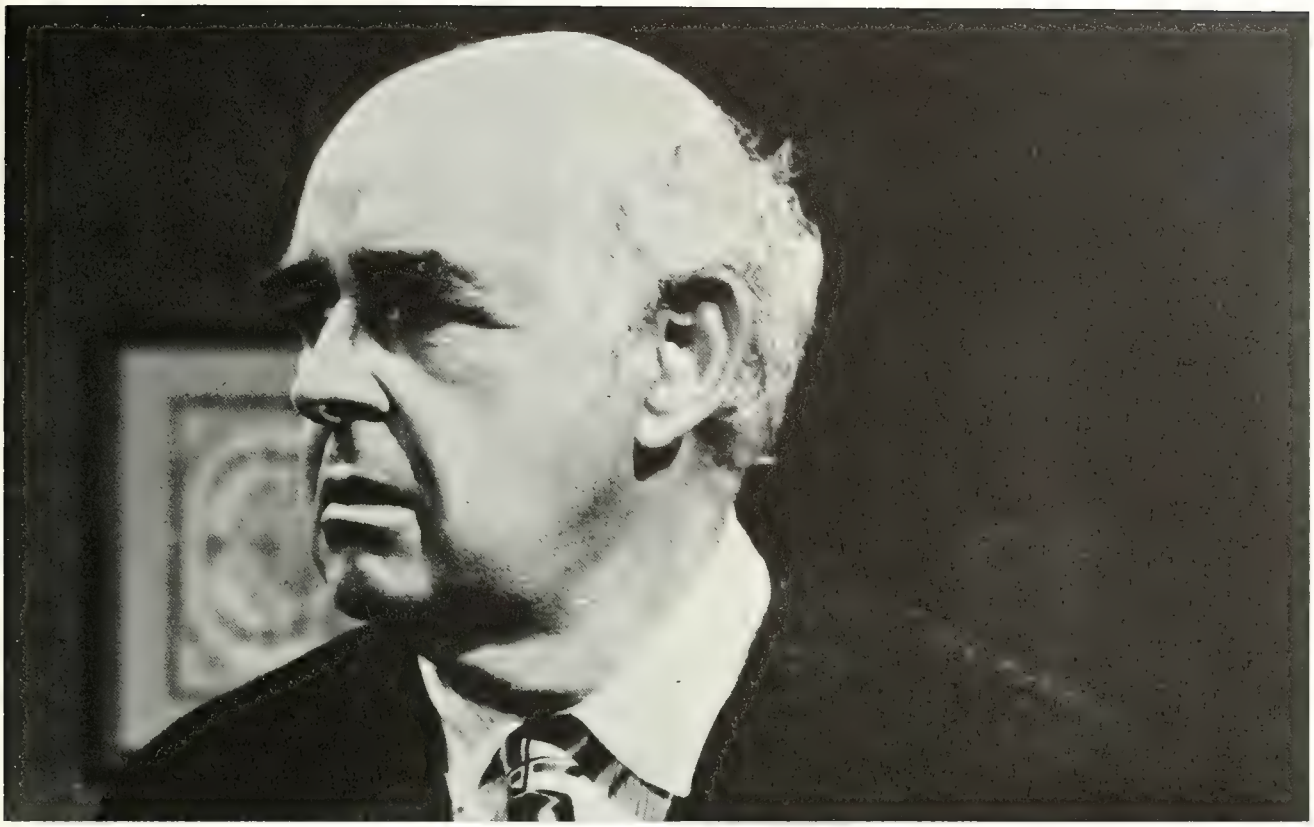
Just prior to our dedication day, five individuals made public professions of faith in Christ as their Saviour and Lord. All are awaiting the honor of being the first ones to enter the water in the new baptistery. Also, on the day before our dedication Pastor Kauffman led Mr. Ross Updegrave, an executive of the Rogers Organ Company, to the Lord during a hospital visit. Mr. Updegrave had visited the church for the first time on Easter. The conversion of precious souls just prior to a church's dedication is indeed a heartwarming experience.

What an encouragement it was to the pastor when Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawes, who publicly announced their faith in Christ on Easter Sunday, brought sixteen first-time visitors to the dedication service! How the zeal of young believers puts new momentum into the bloodstream of a congregation!

Someone remarked, "Where are all the people coming from?" The only answer that could be given was, "This is truly the *Lord's Day,* and He is about His business—the people business!" Yes, this congregation had definite blessings in mind when they sang "Praise Him! Praise Him!" in the second dedication in three years. ▼

Left to right are Rev. Adam Rager; Rev. John Mayes; and Mr. Earl Nelson, song leader.





Compassion and concern are just two of the ingredients that result in . . .

Leadership



By Lester E. Pifer

The dire need for qualified personnel in a growing church is always a problem of major importance. Proper leadership on the local church level, the pastoral level, and the administrative level will be a challenge to our fellowship until our Lord returns, if we continue to manifest the spirit of evangelism on all fronts. A church mov-

"Our church needs to face three needs: Compassion... Sight... Faith..."



ing under the direction of the Spirit's leading will have a perennial need for more and more leaders in its quest for the lost. Our church needs to face three needs: compassion for the lost; sight for the harvest; and faith for the laborers. This formula is outlined by Jesus in example and exhortation (Matt. 9:35-38).

Compassion for the Lost

As Jesus trod the dusty roads of Galilee, His eyes could not miss the needs of people. He saw their spiritual and physical needs. The Scripture says, "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, in commenting on "he was moved with compassion," says, "We see here a simple lattice window made up of crossing human words. Look through it, and you will see the flaming glory of the infinite love of the infinite God."

Matthew's Gospel, presenting Christ as the Messiah King, reveals here some of the outstanding human characteristics of our Lord. He walked among people and saw their needs. He was appalled at the magnanimity of the masses. He was moved with a heartfelt pity for their salvation. He saw them as weak, ill, bleeding, torn, and hungry sheep. The words "scattered" and "fainted" literally mean that they were prostrate upon the ground—torn externally, and empty and wanton within, desperately in need of a shepherd to protect, direct, and provide for them. Alexander McClaren says that He approached the multitudes "with the eye of God and the heart of a man."

The premise of this divine formula is concern for humanity and its spiritual needs. Compassion is action based upon knowledge of the conditions of mankind and a recognition of the message that will meet these needs, plus a willingness to share that message through our God-given abilities. Availability of personnel is directly correlated with the amount of compassion that is evident for the lost. The more compassion becomes prevalent in all our churches, the more potential leadership will respond. As in Acts 13 the Holy Spirit will have liberty to move in the hearts of individuals as well as in the collective body of the church.

Sight for the Harvest

The Lord Jesus moves from the inward revelation of His compassion to motivation of His disciples. "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (Matt. 9:37). The change of figure here is apparently used to depict the magnitude of the task. The apostle John recorded the words of Jesus as follows: ". . .behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). Having dealt with the singular needs of individuals, He moves to the condition and readiness of the whitened harvest fields. No rancher or farmer would face a harvest without considering the need of laborers for the reaping.

Our Lord is clearly setting before our eyes the urgency and scope of the reaping task. Our church must open her eyes to the harvest fields; multitudes of souls are ready for the reaping. America is now a ready nation. Conservative Christianity, Bible-teaching churches, and soul-winning groups have a glorious opportunity in this hour. May God give us the boldness, willingness, and prepared people to reap this harvest.

Faith for the Laborers

Jesus says, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38).

He is laying the responsibility to pray to the Lord for this need squarely upon us. If He has been successful in conveying to our minds the need for

compassion, and if He has caused us to recognize the scope of the harvest field, then there should be an affirmative response to this exhortation to pray. He speaks of the Lord of the harvest, another clear reminder that God intends that all shall be reached with the gospel. The Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9). Though God could have met every demand of His righteousness and holiness by handing men over to the doom they brought upon themselves, it is clear that God's compassion goes out to reach men in such a state.

Our faith, as a church and as individuals, is being called to action. We must manifest faith in a God who is able and who shall thrust forth laborers into His harvest. The Greek word used indicates that God shall call out those who are possessed with a passion, who see the need of the whitened harvest fields, and those who will be willing to place their lives and talents at God's disposal for the ingathering of the harvest.

Our dire need for personnel at the moment may point up some pertinent things. Do we manifest the passion that Jesus gave by example? Are we cognizant of the magnitude of the multitudes to be reached? Are we convinced of the ripened harvest? Is there a concern that so few are yielding themselves as laborers? Do we have the prayer burden before the Lord of the harvest for personnel? Where is the manifestation of our faith to meet this dire need?

Our Lord Jesus clearly spelled out the formula. It is our prayer that individually and collectively we shall see an increasing number of dedicated personnel, who will reach the lost on our mission fields for Christ. ▼

"Is there a concern that so few are yielding themselves as laborers?"





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In the month of March we, at the Brethren Messianic Testimony, initiated a monthly prayer list to be sent to interested individuals. Specific prayers bring specific answers. In the balance of this article I will expand these requests so that you can more readily understand what is entailed in each request.

1. Week-day mornings we spend in door-to-door calling, unless otherwise specifically engaged. A street is assigned; and as each home or apartment is visited, a notation of response is made on cards. If no one answers, literature is left. As our call is answered, we seek to engage the party in a discussion of the Word. From these contacts we have prospects whom we call on again in the afternoons to water the Seed sown and encourage attendance at our various meetings.

2. You might associate Monday with the Jewish blind, for this is our particular day to minister to them. Except for the third Monday, we have evening Bible classes geared for them. We do have sighted people who attend, but the blind predominate and the meetings are for their spiritual benefit. On the third Monday we conduct a luncheon for them. It is more informal, and after lunch there is music, interesting articles and stories, discussions, and a devotional. Some attend this meeting who would not attend a regular Bible class. Some came to the daytime meeting first and now attend the Bible class.

On Wednesday there is a Bible class for sighted Jewish people. Films have been one medium used to bring in those who shy away from a regular Bible meeting. The third Wednesday has been designated for this purpose. Usually Moody Institute of Science films are used. The fourth Monday is our ladies' luncheon-discussion meeting. After lunch I bring a flannelgraph presentation of the Old Testament; now we are studying in the Book of Exodus. Then the ladies present articles and subjects that are of interest to them.

3. There are a number of men who *could* attend our Wednesday Bible class regularly. Mr. B— retired the first of the year. He came to the Bible class in March for the first time in ages. Why? He was bored. Lord, keep him bored! There are also male prospects from the door-to-door calling.

4. Mr. A— H— came to know the Lord in 1967 when Rev. Button dealt with him in response to our telephone ministry. Mrs. H— is a Gentile and professes to be a believer. They have

By Isobel Fraser

not been faithful in attending any gospel services though faithful in studying the Word. Both need guidance in spiritual truth and doctrine, and Christian fellowship and participation.

5. The majority in attendance at our various meetings are unsaved; therefore, the emphasis is on God's plan of salvation. Since there are particular teachings regarding Christian living that the believers in Christ Jesus need, we initiated a *Believers' Class* this year. We need regularity in attendance, open hearts to receive the truths of the Word, and boldness for obedience to the Word. In the next few weeks the subject of baptism will be discussed. This is a greater step of profession for a Jewish person than for a Gentile. Join with us in prayer for their obedience to the Word.

6. Jean and Sam have come to the place through the teaching of the Word that they acknowledge that Jesus is Saviour and God, but fear of family prevents them from accepting Christ. We are encouraged, for Sam's wife now attends our evening meeting as well as the daytime one. Rev. Button had a personal discussion with Jean at our last meeting. Ralph just had a cataract operation. As we have ministered to him in this need, testimony has also been given. Dave is Jean's husband. How wonderful it would be if both would find their Messiah and God!

7. Mrs. A— is an Avon representative with whom the Neelys have contact. Mr. A— has also been witnessed to. They accepted a Bible and a suggestion that Isaiah 53 be read. Mrs. A— read it at night and said that it had gone over her head. Mr. A— remarked that morning might be a better time for her to read it! We have allies in strange places! Rev. Neely pointed out to her that it would take a number of readings to bring understanding, and he told her to ask God for understanding. Mrs. A— usually opens the conversation on spiritual subjects.

8. Sadie is now in the hospital for cobalt treatment, because of the third attack of cancer. When I visited her recently, she said she was reading the atonement Bible. Further discussion revealed this to be the Day of Atone-

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ment Prayerbook. She pointed out passages that spoke of Messiah, the son of David, which she associated with Messiah *Jesus.* I read numerous messianic passages in the Old Testament and their fulfillment in the New Testament to her. Later, when I visited again, I took the prophecy edition of the New Testament to her. We asked for the healing of her soul and, if it is His will, for her body, too.

Would you like to share in our ministry to Israel? *You do* as you pray for your missionaries and those to whom they speak. If you desire to receive monthly prayer requests, fill out the form on this page and send it to the Brethren Messianic Testimony, P.O. Box 48743, Los Angeles, California 90048. ▼

Pray!

"BRETHREN, my heart's desire and PRAYer to God FOR ISRAEL is . . ." (Rom. 10:1).

(March, 1968)

1. . . . that the Lord would open doors and hearts, as we call door to door in the mornings, not only for on-the-spot witnessing but for call-backs and attendance at our meetings.
2. . . . that the Word will take effect in the hearts of those in attendance at our weekly Monday and Wednesday evening Bible classes and our two monthly daytime discussion meetings.
3. . . . that we might see more men interested in attending our classes.
4. . . . that Mr. and Mrs. A– H– (he accepted Christ in the past year) will be faithful in class attendance for their growth in the Lord.
5. . . . that through the new class for *believers* on the second and fourth Sundays, each will grow in the Lord and in open commitment to Christ, especially in baptism.
6. . . . that Jean – and Sam – will not allow fear of family to keep them from accepting Christ, and that Ralph K– and Dave U– will recognize who Christ is.
7. . . . that Mr. and Mrs. A–, contacts of the Neelys, may come to the meetings and to faith in Christ Jesus.
8. . . . that Sadie S– will come to faith in Christ, and that the Lord will use this third recurrence of cancer to that end, and if He wills, to heal her.

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Church News

IMPORTANT! The "best price period" for ordering 1969 church offering envelopes ends June 30. Send your order today to the Missionary Herald for prompt processing.

CAMDEN, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. Wendell England are announcing the arrival of a daughter, Laura Jane, born on Friday, April 6. She weighed nearly seven pounds, and joined a brother who was two years old on May 16. Rev. England is pastor of the First Brethren Church.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Rev. Ralph Burns, pastor of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church, reports that there has been a steady increase in Sunday-school attendance for the past four months. A record attendance of 64 people were present for the spring communion service, and the church membership has grown to 97 members. Mr. Ed Jackson spoke at the church recently resulting in nine public decisions. There were 12 rededications of life during the annual missionary conference, May 1-5.



CHICO, CALIF. On Friday night, May 3, Rev. William L. Shelby was ordained to the Christian ministry. Rev. Robert Thompson was the guest speaker, and shown in the above picture are the ministers who participated in the ordination service. Left to right, they are Rev. J. Paul Miller, Rev. Robert Kliewer, Rev. Lew Ingwaldson, and Rev. Charles Martin.



MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Five persons representing the *Brethren Missionary Herald* and our national boards attended the recent 20th annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association held May 13-16. Left to right, they are Mr. Kenneth Herman, *Missionary Herald;* Mrs. Don Wardell, Brethren Foreign Missions; Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, *Missionary Herald;* Mr. Frank Poland, Brethren Home Missions; and Mr. Terry White, Grace Schools.

CLAYTON, OHIO. Rev. James Custer conducted revival meetings at the Clayton Brethren Church recently. There were 15 decisions made with an 86.7 percent attendance for the meetings. The pastor, William E. Howard, sent word to us that his father died at Washington, D.C., and that Rev. James Dixon officiated at the funeral. Rev. and Mrs. William Gray, members of the church, wish to thank the many friends who remembered them with prayers, cards, and gifts during their recent illness. They are still very weak and need our prayers.

GRAFTON, W. VA. Rev. James Custer held a revival-evangelistic crusade at the First Brethren Church recently. During the special meetings there were 25 decisions made for rededication of life, 14 first-time decisions for salvation, and several people who publicly indicated their desire to join this Bible-preaching church. The Allegheny District men's rally was held in the church on Saturday night, May 18. Mr. Edward Jackson, national laymen's president, was the speaker for the rally, and he also presented the message for the worship service on Sunday morning, May 19. On Sunday evening Rev. Paul Mohler, pastor, baptized 18 people; all 18 were received into the membership of the church.

CHANGES. The new address of Mr. Kenneth Herman, national statistician, is 107 5th Street, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Rev. and Mrs. William Powell, General Delivery, Browning, Mont. 59417. Rev. and Mrs. Daniel S. Eshleman, 4 Mercedes Rd., Lindenwold, N. J. 08021. Rev. and Mrs. Jesse B. Deloe, Jr., 130 W. Melford Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45405. Rev. and Mrs. James L. Custer, 1351 Bosworth Place, Columbus, Ohio 43224. Please change your *Annual.*

ALBANY, OREG. During a twelve-day series of meetings at the Grace Brethren Church recently, there were 40 decisions made for Christ. Rev. and Mrs. Val Cloud served as the evangelistic team for these meetings, and about half of the decisions made were for salvation. Adam H. Rager, pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Mr. Richard Stanislaw, minister of music at the First Brethren Church, directed the church's choir and orchestra in the presentation of an Easter Musicale entitled "Lovest Thou Me." The program, which was presented three times, was well received with 455 people attending the combined services; many of whom were unsaved. Recent speakers at the church were Rev. Dean Walter, Navy chemist, and Dr. Harold Etling from the Christian Education Department. Robert Griffith, pastor.

MARGATE, FLA. The Grace Brethren Church congregation is praising the Lord for the way He answers prayer. On a recent Sunday, the church sought to receive about $800. When the offering was counted, there was $770. Not only that, but also there were 15 rededications of life and two first-time decisions for salvation. Then in the evening service, seven people were baptized, and five people became new members of the church. On Sunday, May 12, Dr. Larry Poland of Miami Bible College was the guest speaker. Edward Lewis, pastor.

MONTCLAIR, CALIF. Five people were baptized during the month of April at the Grace Brethren Church. The final count at the end of a six-week Sunday-school rally totaled 93 professed confessions of faith in Christ as personal Saviour. There were 235 people in attendance for the morning worship service on April 14, and 73 men and boys attended the church's father and son banquet. Allen Herr, pastor.

KETTERING, OHIO. Rev. Ron Thompson, pastor of the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church at Hollins, Va., will be the speaker for special meetings to he held at the Calvary Brethren Church on June 23-30. Pray for these meetings. Henry T. Barnhart, pastor.

NOTE TO CHURCH FINANCIAL SECRETARIES. The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. will greatly appreciate your identifying all checks sent to us. So often a check is received without explanation. The assumption is that we will know if it is a payment on account or a gift for publication offering; however, this is very difficult for us to determine. Many times we receive word (sometimes weeks later) that we placed checks in the wrong account, and much time is consumed in making changes. Thank you so much for your help. Perhaps other boards would be glad to be included in this request.



ALTOONA, PA. Rev. Robert G. Clinton, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was ordained to the Christian ministry on April 7. Shown in the picture above are (l to r) Rev. Victor Rogers, Rev. Fred Walter, and Rev. Sheldon Snyder as they participated in the laying on of hands. Mrs. Clinton is at the far right. Other participating ministers were Rev. Gerald Safstrom, Rev. John Rabenstein, and Rev. Homer Lingenfelter.





NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT. Pictured above are the newly elected officers for the Northern Atlantic District of Brethren Churches. They are (l to r) Rev. Richard McCarthy, moderator; Rev. Ulysses L. Gingrich, vice-moderator; Mr. Walter Fretz, treasurer; Mr. John Line, secretary; and Mr. George Wilhelm, statistician.

NORWALK, CALIF. Rev. Howard Mayes has received a unanimous call to serve the Norwalk Brethren Church as pastor for the sixth year. During the first quarter of 1968 attendance increased over the same quarter of the previous year by the following percentages: morning worship—33%; gospel hour—41.2%; midweek service—61%.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

SPIKER, Paul, a faithful member of the Jenners Brethren Church, Jenners, Pa., died on April 1. James F. Hoffmeyer, pastor.

DIEST, Mrs. Ada, a faithful member of the Jenners Brethren Church, Jenners, Pa., died on April 3. James F. Hoffmeyer, pastor.

TISCHER, Maude B., 89, died on April 11. She was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church at Lake Odessa, Mich., for 60 years. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

PATTERSON, Mrs. Cora D., widow of Rev. John E. Patterson who was founder of the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church of Hollins, Va., died on April 20 after several years of illness. Until the time of her illness she had been a faithful leader in the church. Ron Thompson, pastor.

SPRINGER, Mrs. Thelma, 41, one of the newer members of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., died suddenly on May 7. Robert B. Collitt, pastor.

KINGERY, Fred, 47, a faithful member of the Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., died on April 14. He was a Sunday-school teacher and a member of the deacon board, and he had been a city rescue worker for many years. Raymond Kettell, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Peggy Pekarek and LeRoy Olson, April 6, Grace Brethren Church, Grass Valley, Calif.

Suzanne Greenland and James McAdams, April 6, Grace Brethren Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Mari Beaver and Stephen Hoffman, April 6, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Betty Lacks and Larry Ruble, April 20, Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va.

Rebekah Sue Mohler and Darrell Edward Stewart, April 19, First Brethren Church, Grafton, W. Va.

Kathy Wood and Ronald Cooper, March 30, Denver Grace Brethren Church, Denver, Colo.

Towanna Souders and Jimmy Harper, April 29, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Marguerite Grove and Gary Seavolt, May 4, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Mary Jane Beidelschies and Marion Forrest, Jr., Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Carol Crowder and Wayne Biehl, May 25, Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Christine Gallagher and Keith Braley, May 7, LaLoma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.

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Jews return, after twenty years, to the Wailing Wall—only vestige of their ancient temple.

Israel — A Succession of Miracles

By Dr. Paul Bauman

What a year 1967 was for the one who knows his Bible and the pattern of events which Jesus declared would bring this age to a close! It may prove to have been one of the most significant years in nearly twenty centuries.

In ten visits to the Bible lands during the past two decades (two in 1967), I have witnessed a veritable parade of miracles, each of which was predicted by the prophets. Consider just a few of these:

The Rebirth of a Nation. Israel lives again! In 1948, a nation, out of existence for nineteen centuries with its people scattered into every land, suddenly came back into existence as an independent nation. Never in human history had this occurred. The preservation of the Jewish people through all this time in the face of repeated attempts to exterminate them is as miraculous as the restoration of the nation itself. (See Jeremiah 30:10,11; 31:35-37; Ezekiel 37.)

The Return of the Exiles. Seventy percent of Israel's population of 2,500,000 people are immigrants, most of whom have returned from a hundred countries to the land of their fathers during the past twenty years. This is without parallel in history. Can anyone who reads the Bible fail to recognize its significance? (See Isaiah 43:5; Jeremiah 32:37-42; Ezekiel 36:24.)

The Building of the Cities. The prophets predicted the doom of Israel's cities because of apostasy. The fulfillment of these prophecies has been demonstrated again and again by the



archaeologists, and two hundred buried cities have not yet been touched by the spade. After centuries of desolation, new cities have suddenly sprung up. One of these—Tel Aviv—now numbers a half million. The restoration of some cities was specially mentioned (e.g., Ashkelon). The ruins of the old and the buildings of the new stand together as monuments to the exactness with which the prophets spoke. (See Leviticus 26:21-33; Ezekiel 36:33-38.)

The Reclamation of the Land. Even more impressive than the building of the cities has been the reclaiming of the land. Fifty years ago, visitors to Palestine saw only desolation—reclamation seemed impossible. The changes I have seen during the past twenty years defy description—rocky hills mantled with forests, highways lined with fruit orchards, vineyards where there had been nothing but wilderness five years before, fertile fields and gardens that yield amazingly—all of this is sufficient to thrill the heart and quicken the pulse of the one who knows his Bible. (See Ezekiel 36:8, 29-30, 33-36.)

The Revival of the Language. In the days of Christ, Hebrew was already a dying language. Aramaic had become the spoken language, and writing was in Greek. The return of the exiles demanded a common language in order that people from many countries might understand one another. The revival of the Hebrew language is unique in history, but it had been predicted! (See Zephaniah 3:9.)

The Unification of Jerusalem. Israel's recent six-day victory over the Arab nations was in itself a miracle which amazed even the Israelis themselves since they were outnumbered eighty to one! But, even more remarkable is that which the victory accomplished—the unification of Jerusalem.

Why was the capture of the Old City so significant? It meant that the Jews could now rush to their Wailing Wall and pray there for the first time in nearly twenty years. It meant that the temple area (the most sacred spot on earth to them) was in their hands for the first time in nearly twenty centuries. It meant that Israel is in full possession of Jerusalem as an independent and undivided city for the first time in more than twenty-five centuries! What the future of the temple area will be is an interesting study which we cannot pursue here.

"How should these events affect us?"



What then does all this mean to us? Jesus, the greatest of the prophets, when asked by His disciples about the time of His coming and the end of the age, gave them a whole series of signs. One prediction was: "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

The wise person will not attempt to set dates for Christ's coming. Indeed, Jesus warned specifically against that. However, at the same time He also said, "When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors" (Matthew 24:32-36).

One thing is sure. If Israel succeeds in maintaining its hold on the city of Jerusalem, then what happened in June of 1967 will prove to be a most significant event. It would mark the phasing out of the period of God's particular work among the Gentiles and the beginning once more of His special dealings with the Jews.

How should these events affect us? They should impress the need to be ready through a personal relationship with Christ. They should strengthen our faith and cause us to so walk that we will be ready. They should create a new desire to know God's program for this age through the study of His Word.

As for me, I can hardly wait to return to the Bible lands again. There is no experience more fascinating than that of seeing what God is doing, not only in Israel, but in the other countries of the Middle East. ▼

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July Bible Reading Calendar

JULY				
DATE	MORNING		EVENING	
1	JOB	21, 22	ACTS	10:1-23
2	JOB	23, 24, 25	ACTS	10:24-28
3	JOB	26, 27, 28	ACTS	11
4	JOB	29, 30	ACTS	12
5	JOB	31, 32	ACTS	13:1-23
6	JOB	33, 34	ACTS	13:24-52
7	JOB	35, 36, 37	ACTS	14
8	JOB	38, 39	ACTS	15:1-21
9	JOB	40, 41, 42	ACTS	15:22-41
10	PSALMS	1, 2, 3	ACTS	16:1-15
11	PSALMS	4, 5, 6	ACTS	16:16-40
12	PSALMS	7, 8, 9	ACTS	17:1-15
13	PSA.	10, 11, 12	ACTS	17:16-34
14	PSA.	13-16	ACTS	18
15	PSALMS	17, 18	ACTS	19:1-20
16	PSA.	19, 20, 21	ACTS	19:21-41
17	PSA.	22, 23, 24	ACTS	20:1-16
18	PSA.	25, 26, 27	ACTS	20:17-38
19	PSA.	28, 29, 30	ACTS	21:1-14
20	PSA.	31, 32, 33	ACTS	21:15-40
21	PSALMS	34, 35	ACTS	22
22	PSALMS	36, 37	ACTS	23:1-11
23	PSA.	38, 39, 40	ACTS	23:12-35
24	PSA.	41, 42, 43	ACTS	24
25	PSA.	44, 45, 46	ACTS	25
26	PSA.	47, 48, 49	ACTS	26
27	PSA.	50, 51, 52	ACTS	27:1-25
28	PSA.	53, 54, 55	ACTS	27:26-44
29	PSA.	56, 57, 58	ACTS	28:1-15
30	PSA.	59, 60, 61	ACTS	28:26-31
31	PSA.	62, 63, 64	ROMANS	1



BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—MONDAY, JULY 15

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for many encouragements in the printed-page ministry.

PRAISE the Lord for a fine reception of the BMH recording "Trumpet Conversations" by Jerry Franks, and pray that it might be a blessing to many people.

PRAY for wisdom and guidance from the Lord in carrying out decisions made by the BMH Board of Trustees, who met on May 27-29.

PRAY for a good ministry among readers of Dr. John Davis' book *Biblical Numerology*, a BMH book which was released in June.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for God's blessing upon the missionaries and the summer team of young people in the various activities on the field in France this summer.

PRAY for continued good relationships with the governments of the lands in which our missionaries are working.

PRAY that God will call forth the medical personnel, including doctors and an additional dentist, for our field in Africa.

PRAY for God's blessing and direction upon our works in Puerto Rico—the one conducted in English and the other in Spanish.

PRAY for all missionaries engaged in the important work of writing and translating Christian literature for their fields.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

PRAY for Chaplain Dale Brock, U.S. Navy, who underwent surgery recently, and pray that he will be able to return to active duty about July 1 as expected.

PRAY for safety for Chaplain Brock, Chaplain John Talley, and other chaplains in Vietnam.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for an offering increase of more than $23,000 this past fiscal year.

PRAY that our budget needs for the summer months will be supplied.

PRAY for the annual board meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council, which begins on August 5.

PRAY for the members of the Brethren Messianic Testimony staff on itineration among the Brethren churches.

PRAY for the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers, and especially young men to be directed to Grace Schools for training, to meet the increased need for pastors.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for the two Grace College musical teams which are visiting our churches in the east and the west.

PRAY for the vacation ministries of both faculty and students.

PRAY for those who are still making decisions as to where they will go to college and seminary this fall.

PRAY that the construction of the new library on Grace campus may be successfully completed in due time.

PRAY for the new personnel who will be joining the college and seminary this fall.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the number of laymen's groups who have faithfully supported the general fund throughout the past year.

PRAY that we may have a record attendance at this year's national conference sessions.

PRAY that the Lord will direct in the election of national officers for the coming year.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for the several hundred people who came to know Jesus Christ in a personal way during the spring crusade meetings.

PRAY for Rev. Scott Weaver, Terry Davenport, and Jim Shipley as they conduct crusade meetings in Brazil during July.

PRAY that God will give wisdom to the board members as they seek a new evangelist to join our staff.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY that those working in Christian Education in every Brethren church may share in the blessing of our National Christian Education Convention, August 11-12.

PRAY for the ministry of the young people engaged in our "TIME" program.

PRAY for the youth camps yet to be conducted in several districts of our fellowship. Decisions made in these camps could be the answer to prayers for additional workers for missionary endeavor and the pastorate.

PRAY for the National Youth Conference to be held at Winona Lake, August 11-18. Pray for the staff of leaders and counselors who will be serving in that ministry.

PRAY that the financial needs of the Christian Education Department may be met through the faithful giving of Brethren Sunday schools.

WMC

PRAY for all newly elected WMC officers.

PRAY for the unsaved husbands of some of the WMC members.

PRAY for the coming national WMC meetings.

PRAISE the Lord for the new Brethren churches that are now forming WMC groups.

SMM

PRAISE the Lord for the fine growth in SMM this year.

PRAY for all SMM girls as they witness to others throughout the summer in their jobs, homes, and in recreational activities.

PRAY that many girls will be able to attend national camp and the conference activities of SMM.

The Important Printed Page

By I. Ben Wati
Executive Secretary
Evangelical Fellowship of India

The Bible says, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Ninety years ago faith came to my grandfather by *hearing* the Word of God. He had been a headhunter in Nagaland.

Sixty years later faith came to me, his grandson, by *reading* the Word of God. I was a mission schoolboy.

During the last fifteen years I helped translate the Word of God into my tribal language, a thing I mention because of the importance of the Word of God and the need of evangelistic literature in these days.

One of the great German Christians of the 15th century was Johann Gutenberg, the father of modern printing. Five hundred and sixty years ago he wrote, "God suffers because of the great multitudes whom His sacred Word cannot reach. Religious truth is captive in a small number of manuscript books which guard the treasures. Let us break the seal which holds the holy things, give wings to that truth that by a means no longer written at great expense by the hand that wearies itself, but multiplied by an unwearied machine, it may fly to every soul born into the world." The God-given purpose and vision of the man who invented the first printing press was world evangelism.

The fastest growing church in the world is in Latin America. The late Dr. Kenneth Strachan said that 85 percent of all Latins won to Christ are converted as a result of reading a Christian book, paper, tract, or Bible, and being convicted of sin because of it.

In February, 1962, I boarded a first-class compartment in the temple city of Madurai in South India on the way to Tinnevelly. In the compartment there was only one passenger and he was reading a Bible. I took for granted that he was a Christian. To my great surprise I discovered he was a Hindu, a highly placed man in the Post and Telegraph Department. On further inquiry I discovered that this Hindu official bought a copy of the Bible from a friend, another Hindu, in Jabalpur. This was even more intriguing. Two years later I met this man from Jabalpur. He told me that as he read the *Reader's Digest* some years back, an article on "Peace of Mind" referred to a verse in the Bible. Immediately this Hindu official bought a copy of the Bible and started to read. The Word of God blessed him so much that he has since distributed the Bible to all his Hindu friends. I believe that this man is under grace, a true follower of Jesus Christ, made possible not by a missionary or an evangelist but by reading the printed page. His influence will no doubt be great as he continues to distribute the Bible.

But what about us? How many Bibles or Scripture portions have we distributed? How many tracts or evangelistic literature have gone out of our hands?

We are told that the Coca-Cola Company has a project whereby they aim in the next ten years to get every human being on earth to taste Coca-Cola at least once. If this is the aim of businessmen of the world, can we who are in the King's business have a lesser aim? ▼

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Our Product . . . College Day . . . and Lawlessness on Campuses

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President

Grace Theological Seminary and College

In this issue of the *Herald* you will see the pictures of those who recently graduated from Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College. For some, graduation marked the culmination of a four-year course; for others as much as seven years, combining four years in the college and three years in the seminary.

Into these young people, faculty and administration have poured an investment covering years of time and anxious concern. You can be sure that this investment was not made as a mere perfunctory performance. There was constant oversight and evaluation through the entire period of their sojourn upon this campus. Many were the sessions of committees to determine whether any further changes were necessary to help the student make the most of his academic opportunity, and most of all to determine whether the student was getting the benefit of the spiritual atmosphere.

This group of students is our product. We have done our best to help them to that place where they can meet the problems of life: spiritual, moral, social. They now begin to make their contribution to society for which they have been in training. The years will slip by swiftly, and it will be ten years since they graduated. And they will be the leaders in that segment of population where they will be serving.

Our sincerest prayers and aspirations go with them. We are trusting that in all the changing circumstances of life each will be a spiritual light for Christ in the gathering darkness, a preserving salt in the midst of moral declension, a stalwart leader in the midst of increasing dereliction.

College Day in the Seminary

For years Grace College has sponsored a High School Day in the college. This has been for the purpose of challenging high school students to come to Grace College. For the first time a similar occasion was sponsored by Grace Seminary to excite college students and encourage them to look in the direction of Grace Seminary.

This beginning was humble, but well planned and well executed. The panel discussion conducted by members of the classes of Grace Seminary, explaining why they came to Grace, was enlightening. I am sure it made faculty and administration re-evaluate their own importance and contribution to the school, and the high responsibility to do their best for the young men and women who entrust their academic and spiritual welfare into their hands.

I am sure that visiting students got a preview of the school that made them realize in a larger way what a seminary education means, and especially such an education at Grace Theological Seminary.

Since this venture met with so much favor, it is our purpose to do even a better piece of work in planning and executing such a program next year. It is our hope that the seminary can attract a wider group of students from many colleges.

Parent's Day in the College

A year ago in May the first Parent's Day in the college was carried through. For a beginning it was a success. This year the day was even a greater success. This was planned and directed by the Development Department with the assistance of the faculty and administration of the college and with the aid of many students. It was called Operation Insight 1968.

More than two hundred parents responded to the invitation, and we believe their introduction to a cross section of academic life and procedure on the campus was a thrill to them. It is our hope that this innovation for parents will double in attendance next year as it did this year.

This response on the part of parents not only encourages us here at the school, but we are certain that it gives the parents a better idea of what their children are receiving, the sort of atmosphere in which their children are living, and the kind of people into whose hands they have committed the welfare of their children.

We hope that in the years ahead we can make Parent's Day the kind of event which will be a highlight of the year for them. Frankly, it was a highlight for us at the school to be able to meet the parents as parents and hear from their lips the words of appreciation they had for what Grace College is doing for their children.

Campus Lawlessness Today

News-conscious parents are aware of the tide of lawlessness that is sweeping the campuses of colleges and universities across this nation and the world. It makes thinking people ask the question: "What is bugging the student?" The answer is very simple. It is a type of philosophy upon which they are feeding. It is a philosophy which reduces the realm of reality to the natural and human level and leaves the student in a fog of relativism. Left to themselves, without any absolute standards or set of morals, they are following the path of lawlessness. This path follows the course of rebellion, anarchy, violence, destruction.

Having sown the wind of false philosophy in the minds of young people, it is inevitable that there should be a reaping of the whirlwind in conduct. And this is only the beginning; the worst is yet to come. In the face of this tide of crime, violence, and immorality, it is reassuring to see how the absolutes of the Word of God bring sense, and restfulness, and dignity to the lives of students on the campus of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College.

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"We saw God work in a mighty way."

Light Over Daytona

This Easter vacation thirty-five Grace College students spent a week on Daytona Beach in Florida working in beach evangelism with Campus Crusade for Christ. The group met each morning for skull sessions, spent the afternoons on the beach, then had mass meetings in the "Hunger Hanger" and "Divide and Conquer Sessions" in the evening.

The students returned with as much enthusiasm as they had sunburns. Here are transcribed cuttings from some personal testimonies given in college chapel upon their return. In all, they saw about thirty first-time decisions for Christ and several rededications during the week.

John Kuhns, a junior and a member of the Huber Heights Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio, said, "When we went to Daytona, we really had a great time. But what really made

it neat was that we took a whole week to talk to others about Jesus Christ. This meant spending time with Him daily. Sometimes we get so busy that we don't spend time alone with God as we should. Christianity is not just receiving Christ—it is getting to know Him better. This, for me, was a time to get to know Him better."

Colleen Baum is a sophomore from the Grace Brethren Church in San Diego, California. She gave the following testimony: "As we went, I'll have to admit, I was pretty scared. I got lots of different reactions. Some thought we were a part of 'Up with People'; others thought we were on a paid vacation, and one girl even asked me how I got this way! The question I liked best was when people asked me what religion I was pushing. This threw the door wide open for me to say 'I don't represent any religion—I represent the Lord Jesus Christ.' "

Describing a bearded hippie wearing a long black cape and beads, Colleen commented, "He was symbolic of all the kids down there. On the outside they seemed to really be having a lot of fun and a lot of kicks, boozing it up at their parties and lying in the sun. But down underneath they really are searching and are open to the love we can show them through the Lord."

Sou Tsi, an overseas student from Vietnam, explained his hesitancy to go to Daytona because he was afraid he would have a problem communicating effectively. "Many students have difficulty understanding my English," he said, "but it seemed during that week my English improved." After relating experiences of leading one hippie to the Lord right on the beach and another in a hamburger stand in Atlanta on the way home, he said, "After Easter vacation Jesus Christ was much more meaningful to me and more real to me than ever. This was my first experience to witness for Christ, but I'd like to thank the Lord that He gives me the knowledge and the words to communicate effectively. Finally, I request that you pray for these kids that made decisions for Christ."

Carolyn Fisher, a junior from Warren, Ohio, reported, "The sessions in the morning were very beneficial to me. One speaker spoke about 'Why Christians Suffer' and suggested that Satan uses suffering in our lives to make us stop following the leading of God and to make us stop witnessing. I came away with a renewed determination to remain true to the Lord even though there are some ups and downs in the Christian life."



Thirty-five Grace students returned from Florida with sand in their shoes and a song in their hearts.

Carol Leiter, a sophomore pre-nursing major from the Grace Brethren Church of Orange County in Tustin, California, said, "To see kids so excited with Christ and with living the Christian life was something new and really fascinating for me. It really changed my life. The only thing I really regret about going to Daytona is that I didn't have the opportunity to do something like this when I was first saved."

Dan Mejia, a freshman, is from the Bellflower Brethren Church in Bellflower, California. He began, "When I first arrived at the beach, I was pretty eager to get into the waves . . . but I was not so eager to tell the kids about Christ. While sitting on my bed the first day, I remembered something Jim Custer had told me. He said, 'Dan, every contact could be your last contact, and every witness for Christ could be your last witness for Him. There's not much time, and there's a lot of work to be done.' So that afternoon I determined to get out there and talk to some kids."

Relating the story of a gangleader who gave him a rather hard time, Dan continued, "He said, 'Dan, I've searched in life. I came to Daytona Beach just to have a good time—to get away from my problems, but I see that Christ does provide an answer. Dan, I want to invite Christ into my life right now!' "

Dan concluded by saying, "We, the kids who went down to Daytona, saw God work in a mighty way. We can say without a shadow of a doubt that God does exist and that kids are searching for an answer. We can provide that answer for them." ▼

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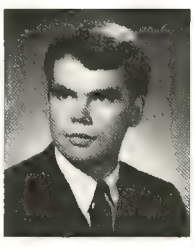
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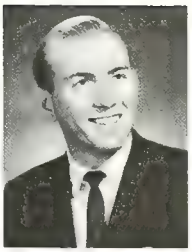
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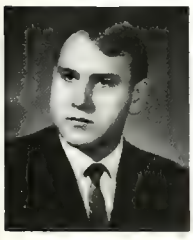
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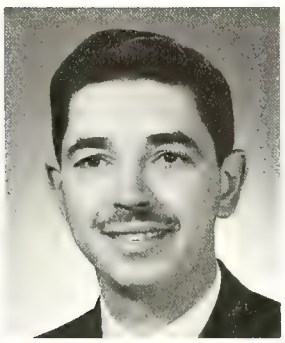
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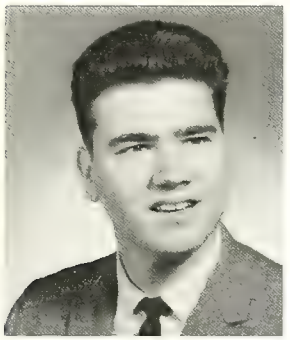
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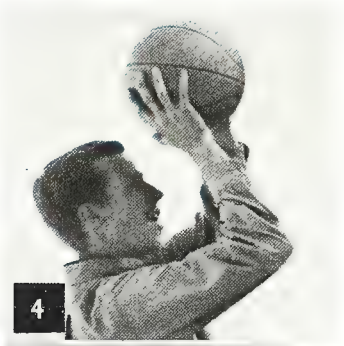
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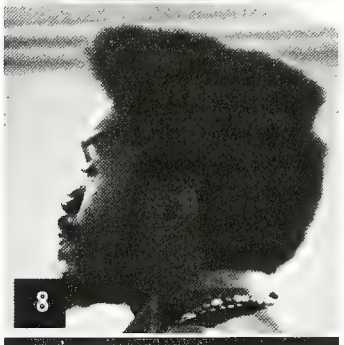


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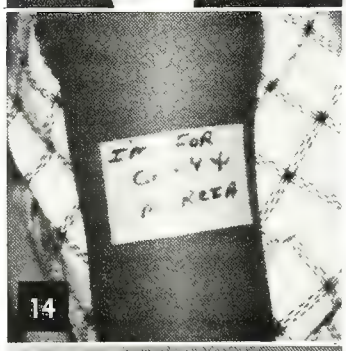


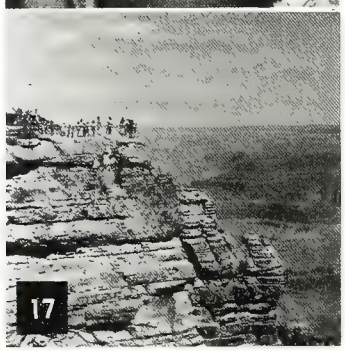
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The Editor Speaks . . . By Clyde K. Landrum

"When Violence Will Pass"



Will there ever be a time when violence will pass from the hearts and minds of men? President Johnson predicted recently that there would. Speaking to his commission appointed to determine the cause of violence, he stated that he is looking forward to the time when there will be no violence, and when the very seeds of violence will be removed. His optimism is to be commended, but we must face the fact that the achievement of his goal will not come easy! But we must also face the fact that violence threatens the basic structure of our democratic way of life. Like the vulture it sits on its perch waiting to swoop down on the carnage of our American way of life.

How has this violence come about? Is it that people are more violent than in previous times? We must not forget that in times other than our own, Presidents Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley were assassinated, and an attempt was made on the life of President Theodore Roosevelt. But there does seem to be wider manifestation of violence today than in previous generations. Witness the rioting on our streets with its destruction of property and of human life, and the assassination of public figures including President Kennedy, Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, and Senator Kennedy.

In view of the fact that people have always been violence-inclined, why is there such an outbreak in our generation? Psychologists tell us that beginning with the assassination of Lincoln and the gun-dominated era of the Old West our country has become more violence-oriented. The gun has become a way of life and has become the symbol of a solution to too many problems. In previous generations it wasn't as easy to commit crimes and get away with them as it seems to be now. People seemed to have been deterred by fear of punishment. However, today our laws and courts have "bent over backward" to protect the rights of the offender to the extent that he is almost given a better break than the law-abiding citizen. This has made it much easier to commit crimes, with less fear of reprisal. Also, the Hopalong Cassidy-type of movies, filled with the "supremacy of the gun" philosophy, tends toward conditioning our youth to live by violence. The man shot from his saddle by a quick-draw cowboy falls to the ground, and no one cares whether he dies of his wounds or suffocates in the desert heat. Life is cheap. One life more or less does not matter.

Our President is to be commended for trying to do something to correct the situation. But will a gun law solve the problem? The late Robert F. Kennedy fought for such a law but admitted that if a man really wants to "get" a public figure, he will find a way to achieve his goal. Will the appointment of a commission to determine the cause of violence solve the problem? It is quite evident that it will not.

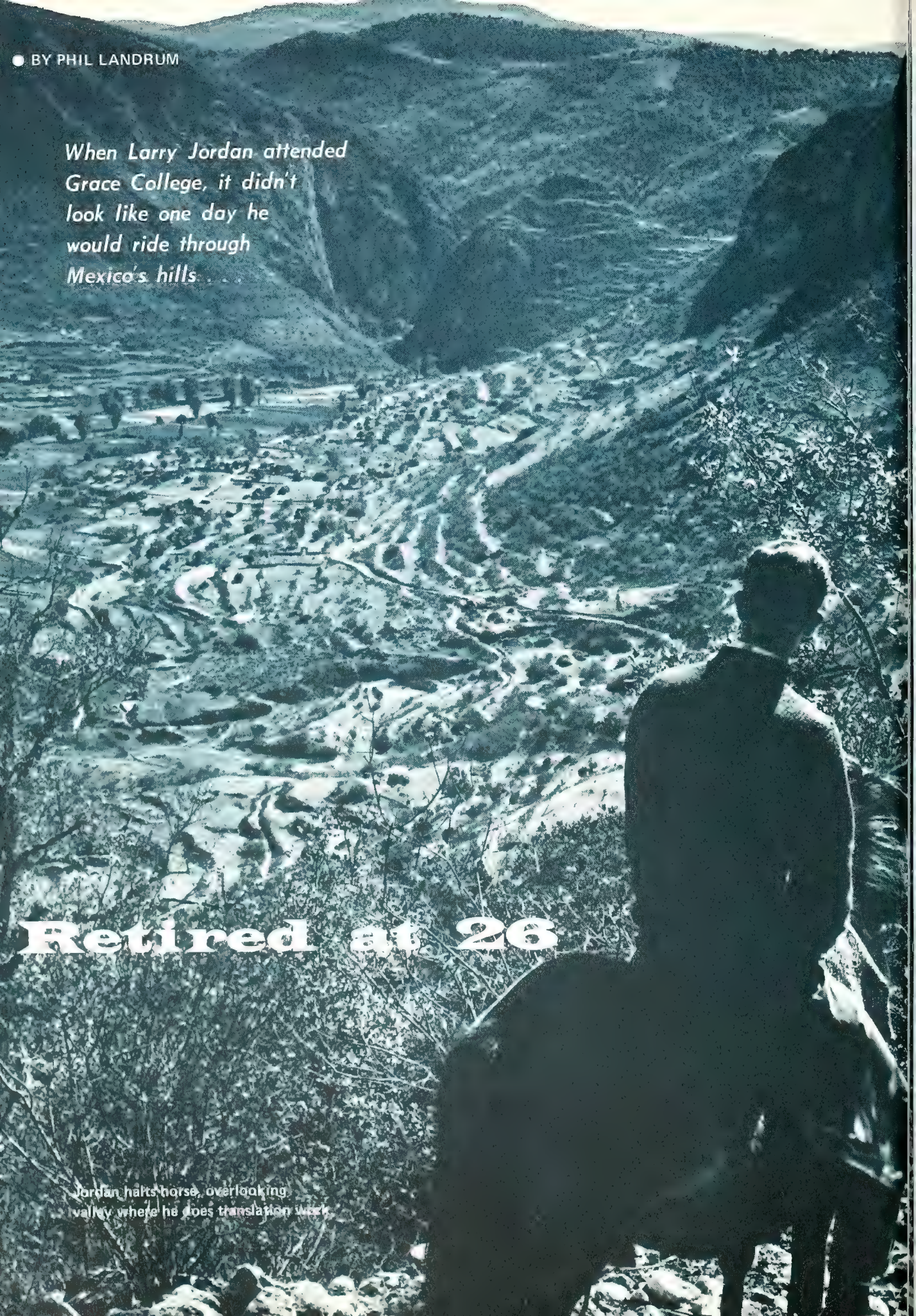
While the President of the United States and Congress can be helpful, the real solution is going to come through the efforts of people at the grass roots level—parents, church leaders, and schoolteachers. And even these people will be able to effect a solution only as they deal with the matter on an individual basis. It must come about through a change in the hearts of individuals. The Bible says that "out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matt. 15:19).

Only the love of God in the heart can effect change. This comes through a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour. As He controls the life, actions will be controlled for good, and not for evil, purposes. To some this might seem an oversimplification of the problem. But it is the only way that a solution to violence and other social problems will ever be effected. Actions cannot be changed without a change in the heart. This places a heavy responsibility upon every parent, church worker, and teacher. But it also presents an exciting challenge. ▼

BY PHIL LANDRUM

When Larry Jordan attended Grace College, it didn't look like one day he would ride through Mexico's hills . . .

Retired at 26



Jordan halts horse, overlooking valley where he does translation work.

Larry Jordan started out as a paper boy, making over $100 the first year in Christmas tips alone. Then came college and a successful spare-time business partnership with his roommate.

After graduation he started his own business. In just a few years his business boomed. He sold out. And, at 26, he retired—his future assured.

Sounds great. But it just wasn't that way at all with Larry Jordan of Wheaton, Illinois, except for one thing. He did retire at 26.

Everything else couldn't be farther from the truth. This is the way he tells the story.

"I have felt that the Lord wanted me to be a foreign missionary since I was seven years old, and since my high school days another factor entered my thinking, I wanted to be a businessman and make enough money, either before I went to the field or after I was on the field, so that I would be a self-supporting missionary like Paul.

"So I sold everything from magazines to swimming pools and fell flat on my face in all of them to the extent that while attending Grace College I had to work thirty to thirty-five hours weekly trimming trees to make it financially.

"After college, I went to Grace Seminary and continued to try selling as a means of self-support. I continued doing so badly that I had to trim trees. Even that career vanished during my first year at seminary—my tree-trimming rope broke when I was 42 feet in the air. I quickly got a new job—as a night watchman.

"I finished seminary and began teaching in a nearby college. At the same time I continued selling—still badly."

It was at this time in his life that Larry Jordan received a call from his brother in Wheaton, Illinois, saying his dad was coming out to tell him about a new business opportunity.

"I pressured him as to what it really was all about, and finally he admitted that it was selling soap."

"Soap?" Jordan replied. "Tell Dad to stay home. I don't want to be a Fuller Brush man!"

"I can't," came the reply. "He's already on the plane. So be nice to him when you meet him."

Jordan was. And on the way back from the airport, a girl in the car said, "I stuck my finger with a needle this afternoon, and it sure hurts."

To Jordan's surprise, his dad pulled out a bottle of soap (Amway L.O.C.) and said, "I just happen to have something here that will make it feel a lot better." When she tried it, by applying a drop to the sore spot, she said that it felt better almost immediately.

Jordan thought they'd both gone crazy.

At the apartment a friend of Larry's—a heavy smoker—wondered how the liquid soap tasted. So he put some on his fingertip and then on his tongue. When he opened his mouth in a few seconds, his wife said, "Merle, it took the tobacco stains off your teeth."

"When the products turned out to have some very normal everyday uses—like soaps do—I was very relieved," Jordan recounts today.

Leery of all selling, Jordan checked out the Amway Company with Dunn and Bradstreet, the Better Business Bureau, National Association of Direct Selling Companies, and others.

Satisfied, he and his wife Linda, became Amway distributors. And the next two years were cyclonic.

The Jordans had already been accepted by a mission to do translation work. Remembering his goal to be a businessman-missionary, Jordan plunged headfirst into his new responsibilities.

"We lived in a small one-bedroom apartment when we started. And it wasn't long before the apartment was loaded from floor to ceiling at one end

He also does "Peace Corps" type work, helped build a basketball court and plays in a league he helped start.





Jordan's 21-month success as a businessman led to a lifelong dream.

of the living room with Amway products. Going to the warehouse where we picked up our products as many as three times a day, to keep up with the fast-moving products, soon wore the living room rug out completely.

"It gave my wife the feeling of living in a warehouse, which is pretty much what it was. However, she was a sport and an exceptional housekeeper (or warehouse keeper), and she managed to make it the nicest warehouse we have ever lived in."

After six weeks, his first bonus check came in the mail (with Larry earning well over $1,000.) After four months, more than $19,000 worth of products were going in and out of the "living-room warehouse" monthly.

Working hard to establish new distributorships, Jordan further multiplied his earnings.

"The neighbors in the apartments above, next to, and across from us began to wonder what kind of an operation was going on.

"Soon parking became a major problem, as many distributors came simultaneously for products. Fortunately, most of our apartment neighbors were not at home in the daytime, and the landlord was very understanding also. Any salesmen who came to their doors were told to come to ours. This was a great help, as we were able to recruit many of them to sell Amway instead of the product or item they were selling."

After eleven months as a distributor Larry and his wife went to a missionary training school for four months.

While in the training program, commissions and bonuses brought in $800 monthly without any work toward the business on Jordan's part.

They came back for the final ten months before they were to go to the mission field.

"We had committed the whole matter of going into this business to the Lord. So, when we came back, we went after it harder than ever before. We figured that if the Lord gave us the business, we should do our best to de-

velop it, even if it meant much separation.

"I was gone many times a week to help distributors in other states; and when I would get back, Linda—my Amway widow—would talk of our ultimate retirement to the mission field when we would do translation work."

Time came to go to the mission field—which for the Jordans was the town of Apoala, 240 miles southeast of Mexico City, twenty-seven miles off the Pan American highway.

Now, the twenty-one months of fanatically hard work really began paying off.

"This work in a very exciting business enabled us to come to Mexico self-supporting on a salary of more than $15,000 a year. Our commissions and bonuses are still in effect, because dealers whom we helped establish are doing better than ever. Instead of diminishing in our absence, our second year away from the business we saw an increase in income over the first year.

"Such an income on the field has enabled us to do the kind of job I believe is necessary in these days. James 2:14 to 17 (*Living Letters*) expresses what is necessary perfectly: 'Dear brothers, what's the use of saying that you have faith and are Christians if you aren't proving it by helping others? Will that kind of faith save anyone? If you have a friend who is in need of food and clothing, and you say to him "Well, goodbye and God bless you, stay warm and eat hearty," and then don't give him clothes or food, what good does that do? So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. You must also do good to prove that you have faith. Faith without good deeds is dead and useless.'

"Our Mexican friends do not want gifts. They just want an opportunity to raise their standard of living so they can earn more than 56¢ a day when there is work, and live in houses which the wind doesn't blow right through, and have enough clothes to keep warm in our cold winters, and have enough food so they can eat something besides just tortillas and beans twice a day."

While working on their translation projects, the Jordans have also aided in establishing an improved irrigation system, better agricultural methods, a town credit union, a cement basketball court so the children can play outside even in rainy season, and an electric grain grinder that enables grinding of the corn for tortillas in three minutes instead of three hours.



Jordan hopes to have a portion of the Scripture translated soon.

The town hopes for a factory here—for the people to weave beautiful wool sweaters, and thus raise their income—as well as a 50-kilowatt hydroelectric plant for the town ("as soon as we can locate a used turbine and generator," says Jordan).

"Also in the works for this year is a drinking-water system that will go a long way toward stopping intestinal parasites from their deadly work. For next year, we have a bi-lingual school as our goal in cooperation with the Indian affairs department of the Mexican government. Also with their help, we hope to improve the road into town and eventually start a market there.

"The road could well be described as a beautiful double-rutted burro track. In one year of traveling over this road, we have broken twelve universal joints, one drive shaft, one transmission housing, one transmission gear, the frame in three places, the steering gear, the radiator, the carburetor, and front and back springs on both sides.

"However, the government is now helping us to improve the road, and we haven't broken anything major in the last three months. Also we have gone through sixteen tires of the heaviest duty available.

"In rainy season, the road turns into a sea of mud. There is one particular spot that we call quick mud. Four-wheel drive doesn't do any good, as the carryall just sinks right down to the frame and the wheels spin uselessly in circles.

"One evening we were coming back from a visit with the carryall loaded to the roof when we hit the quick mud. We sat for sixteen hours in the front seat in pouring rain. The only one who slept all that night was our two-year-old daughter. Next morning, some of the men of our town had heard about it somehow, and about 150 of them walked seven miles in the rain to help us get out. They didn't want any reward or pay for their help. They just wanted to help us because they want us to be happy in Apoala and stay there. And they wanted to say thank you."

Jordan estimates that it will be another year or so until they are able to complete first stages in Bible translation—a goal he feels is made possible by his role as businessman.

"The Lord used my business career to put us down here and enable us to do some of the things we're doing. We hope that the people will accept God's Word as the book that governs our lives—which, we also hope, have shown forth a love for the people of Apoala.

"For we are talking about the most exciting thing in life—receiving new life through Christ, and coming into the glorious fellowship of the children of God." ▼

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WHAT ABOUT THE

By Rev. Frank Dunigan



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How many Brethren are thinking about the Negro when it comes to building churches? How often it appears that the Brethren Church wants to evangelize the Negro, but not integrate. Integration is difficult. Integration will require patience, but integration is coming. The time when integration will become a functional reality is the time when the Negro will consider the white as a person, and conversely when the white will consider the Negro as a person.

Let's face it, there will be problems, but when has church-building ceased being a problem? Let us consider for a moment that anyone who has been oppressed to any degree will inevitably be defensive. This "putting up of defenses" will continue until the Negro and the white learn to sit together comfortably at the feet of the Saviour. How will this be accomplished?

Education will be a key factor, but not secular education alone. When both white and black become educated to the fact that souls are souls, regardless of their "earthly tabernacles" then can we integrate smoothly.

The body of Christ cannot become involved with temporal affairs excessively without suffering loss in eternal affairs. For either Negro or white to receive Christ and be satisfied only at that decision, he will find that Christ will not prove to be the answer. The deeper life in Christ will, however, be the answer; the deeper life is not wrought by magic, but mastery of our bodies and desires, as Paul believed: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (I Cor. 9:27).

We are living in times that abide in a state of flux. We must adapt, but the

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danger is that we shall adapt to temporal causes rather than eternal. We should a hundred times rather see someone receive eternal life, than for him to receive a ten dollar a month pay raise (though that would help too); however, what will an extra $10 per month do for someone in hell?

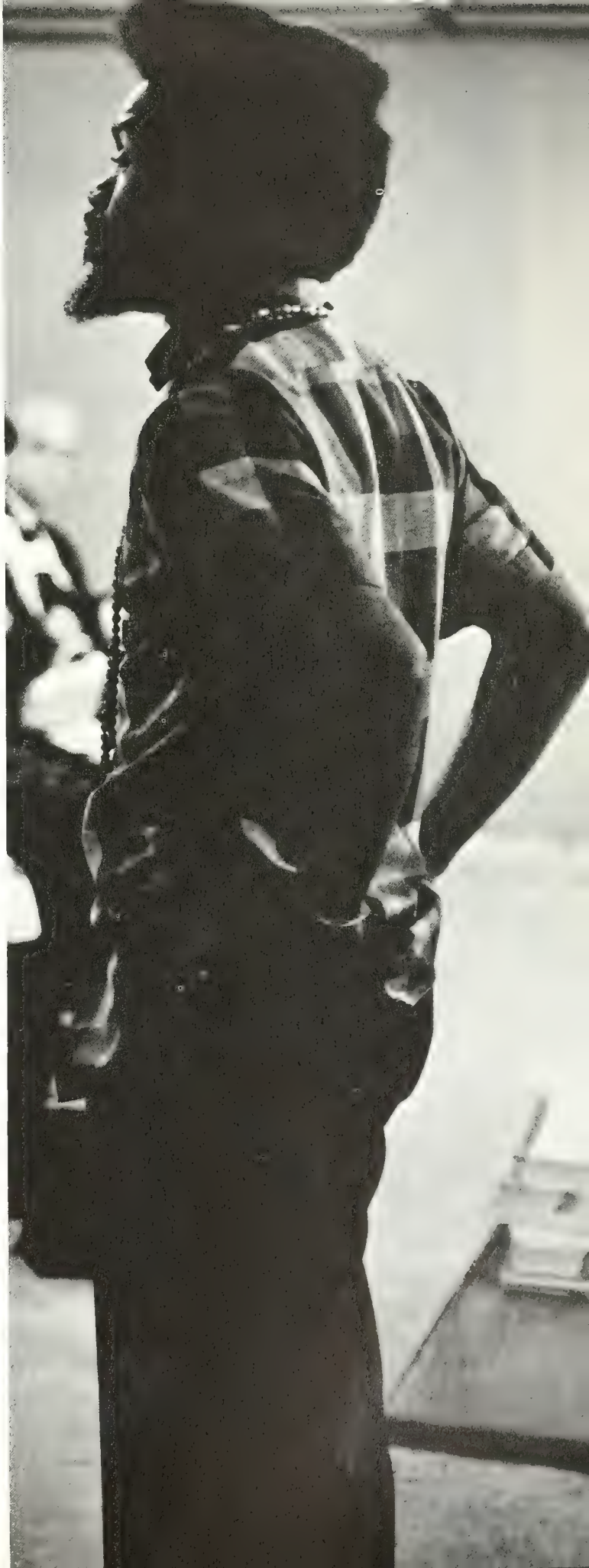
This problem of integration is not new to the Church. In the Galatian epistle, Paul rebuked Peter because of such an attitude of being a "respecter of persons."

Prejudice is real, and prejudice is active, but prejudice has no place in the life of any Christian. Now, I am very much aware that just to make such a statement will not be a cure for the ill. But where else are we going to start? We must make the start or we will never realize the goal of the Christian unity of which Christ spoke in John 17:20-21.

We believe that this start has been made. The Grace Brethren Church of Hacienda Heights now has three baptized Negro members, and Lord willing will soon see four in membership. Do we feel that we know all the answers to problems of integration? Not by any means. However we will never have the answers until we become involved.

We will not go out of our area to reach anyone without direct invitation. God has enabled this church to become organized in this community and this community we will serve. Let every church be persuaded in its mind that it is adequately serving Christ, or that it is not.

I have come to believe that churches can effectively integrate. Until now the liberals have made the integration move. What will we do? Satan would have us concentrate on civil matters while human souls plunge into hell.









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Jesus would have us preach the Gospel unto all creation. "Let no man think better of himself than he ought," especially when it comes to evangelism. Will we be evangelicals, but not evangelistic? We have many knots to untie, but if each of us will take care of our lacks at home, in time, we will realize a fulfillment, to a great extent of the desires of the hearts of many to be one in Christ.

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light" (Rom. 13:12). Yes, through Christ, through yielding ourselves more to Him, we can put Christ ahead of expediency in this present day.

Let us be aware that as long as we are in these bodies of different colors, we will face difficulty. We as a national fellowship can take a stand on racial issues or not; but it is on the level of the individual that the adjustment must be made. Are we willing, both Negro and white, to assume the flexibility necessary to integration? You, the reader, must provide at least this one answer.

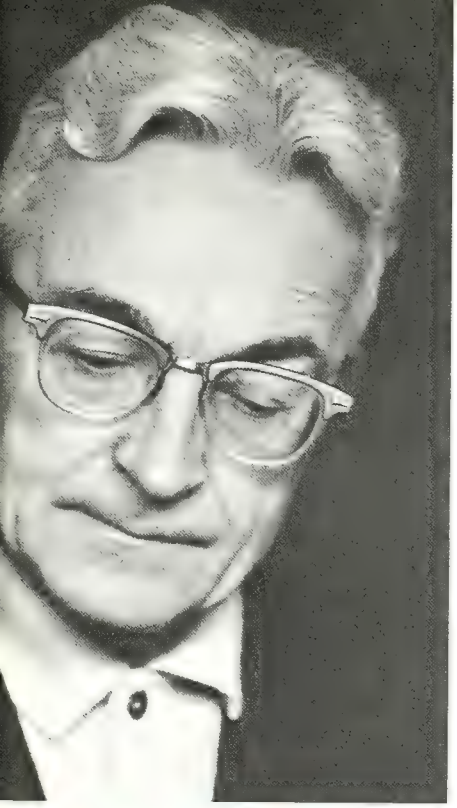
We have years of misunderstandings with which to cope. There is terminology that will have to be tolerated patiently by Negro and white alike until "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit."

The Negro is a Negro, the white is a white and neither has any claim to superiority, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Let us acknowledge this difference between us and seek, through Christ, to overcome hindrances produced by many recent violences. Every action produces a reaction. A bad action produces a bad reaction. Are we willing to attempt to produce good, positive actions within the framework of Biblical Christianity? God help us if we are not!

Brethren, here is a practical, necessary test of the love of Christ as it should be manifested in true born-again believers. Will we accept the challenge, or be spiritual cowards in this regard?

The best demonstration is the demonstration of Biblical Christianity every day. Do you know of a more relevant application of Matthew 28:18-20? ▼

"When both black and white become educated to the fact that souls are souls . . . then we can integrate smoothly."



MARKS of an EDUCATED MAN

By V. Raymond Edman

To be truly educated, a person should be able:

To listen attentively. No one can be generously educated and understanding without being able to be a good listener. We are to be teachable more than talkative. Solomon made the observation that "he that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding" (Prov. 17:27-28).

To think clearly. To think at all is one of life's deepest disciplines. To think clearly should be the evidence of an educated person. With perspicacity and penetration, with reason and reasonableness, with common sense and caution, with instruction and insight, he should be well advised and not worldly wise. With observation and objectivity he can sift evidence from opinions, proof from propaganda, and with good judgment he can weigh evidence. He has foresight, and is also taught by hindsight, and should be free from folly and frivolity. To every problem there is an answer, and by diligent observation and logical thinking he proceeds toward the solution thereof.

To speak and to write accurately. An educated person should be concise and not clumsy, precise and not ponderous. Good grammar is a godsend to him and correct spelling is evidence of his education. He has both clarity of thought and felicity of expression so as to communicate cogently and not to confuse himself or others. To be effective in communicating to others, he is unaffected and unostentatious.

To read widely. It was Sir Francis Bacon who wrote: "Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man." He added: "Read not to contradict, nor to believe, but to weigh and to consider." To be educated is to be interested, inquisitive, industrious, informed. It is to be intrigued with learning, to be independent of the opinions of others and yet not to be opinionated.

To live honestly and heartily. While preparing for life during college years, one should not forget to live! Education should cultivate integrity and uprightness, probity and high principles. One is to be both trustful and trustworthy, open-minded and open-hearted, courageous and constant, conscientious and consistent. Life is the great adventure entrusted to us by the Almighty, to be followed by eternal life whose duties and delights we can only faintly discern. Life is an opportunity to serve Jesus Christ and our fellow men, an apprenticeship to learn the gladness of giving and the triumph of trusting, and the discipline to overcome obstacles that develop Christian character. Life, I repeat, can and should be an adventure with God into each untrodden day.

To move purposefully and prayerfully. To be liberally educated is to have aims and goals, and the earnest endeavor to reach them. One is to be a pilgrim on his way to the City of the Great King, and not merely a purposeless, wandering hobo throughout life. He makes decisions and with determination pursues the chosen pathway. He has perseverance, patience, and old-fashioned pluck. He has both spontaneity and originality, and is responsible in the performance of life's profession.

To have convictions and stand for them. The educated person is tolerant of others and willing to evaluate their opinions. He is, however, intolerant of error and untruthfulness. He has come to convictions of his own, achieved by study and thought, and in matters spiritual (and others as well) he is "ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason of the hope" that he has.

To experience the freedom that is in Christ and to live triumphantly therein. The Lord Jesus declared plainly: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). That freedom includes forgiveness of sins to the penitent who accepts the Saviour's offer of pardon. He said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

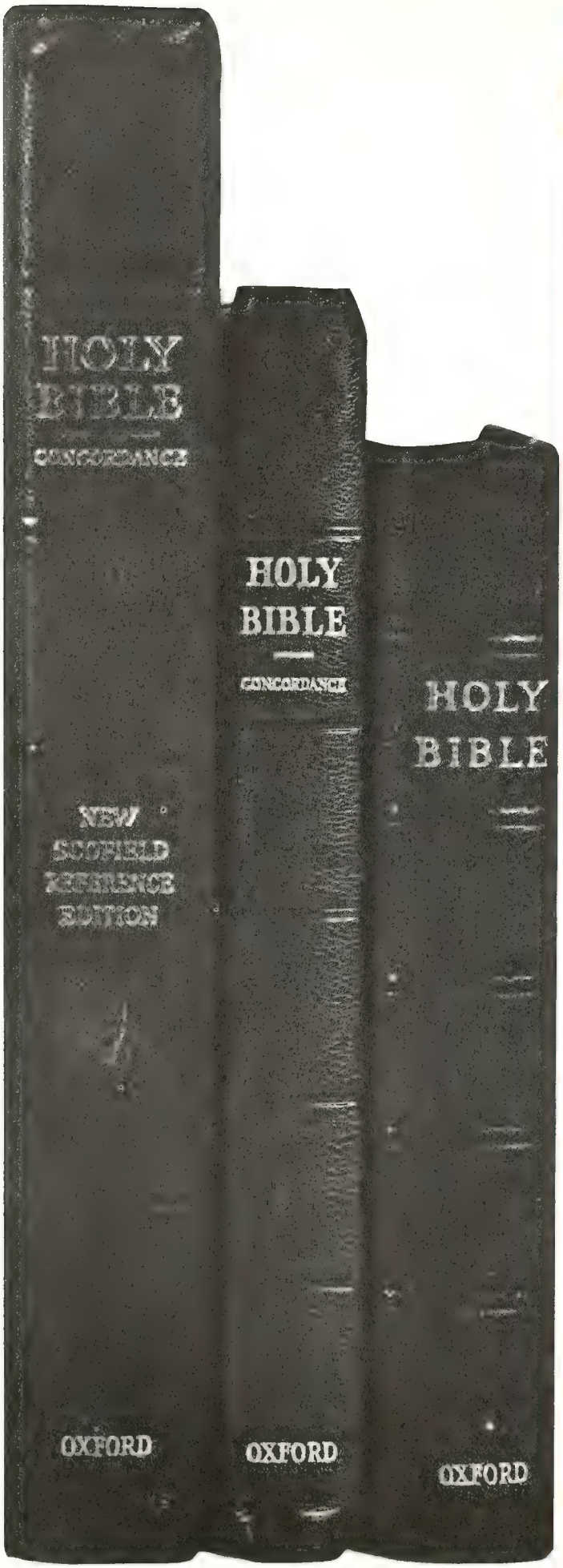
The Bible further states that: "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). There is freedom from the penalty of sin by the death of the Saviour, and freedom from the domination of the old life because of His indwelling presence. The Scriptures give that assurance, saying: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Rom. 5:10).

True education causes us to be increasingly aware of our utter dependence upon God. It makes us sensitive of heart toward Him and swift of action to do His bidding. Worship and work are alike our duty and delight.

Sensitive to the Word and will of God, solicitous for the welfare of one's fellow men, sensible in thought and sound in speech; such are the *marks of an educated man.*

How do you measure up? ▼

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Even in the Hebrew Bible?

By Robert E. A. Miller
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Many Jewish people wonder: "Is the name 'Jesus' in our Hebrew Bible?" It is a blessed experience to show our Jewish friends the divine titles of the Messiah in their own Bible.

The Messiah is Immanuel in Isaiah 7:14; Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father and The Prince of Peace in Isaiah 9:6. In Jeremiah 23:6 He is the Lord our Righteousness (Jahweh Tsidkenu). We recognize Him in the second Psalm as the Anointed, the King, and twice the Son.

But the question remains, is the Hebrew name which is equal to Jesus to be found in the Hebrew Scriptures?

First of all, every time the word "salvation" occurs, especially with the Hebrew suffix meaning "my," "thy," "his," or with other personal pronouns, it is exactly the same word used in Matthew 1:21. The word is JESHUA (pronounced Yah-shu'a). The English equivalent is the familiar name Jesus, which means salvation or Saviour.

This is the significance of the angel's word to Joseph concerning his virgin wife, Mary: "And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his name Yeshua, for He shall save His people from their sins."

Where is this Hebrew name, Jeshua (Greek is Iesus; English is Jesus) in the Old Testament?

When the ancient patriarch Jacob was on his death-bed, he blessed his sons individually (Gen. 49) and thereby foretold their future. In verse 18 he said: "I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord." The literal Hebrew is, "To thy Jeshua, I am looking, O Lord"; or even better, "In thy Jeshua I am hoping, O Lord."

"Yes, Jesus Is in Your Bible!"

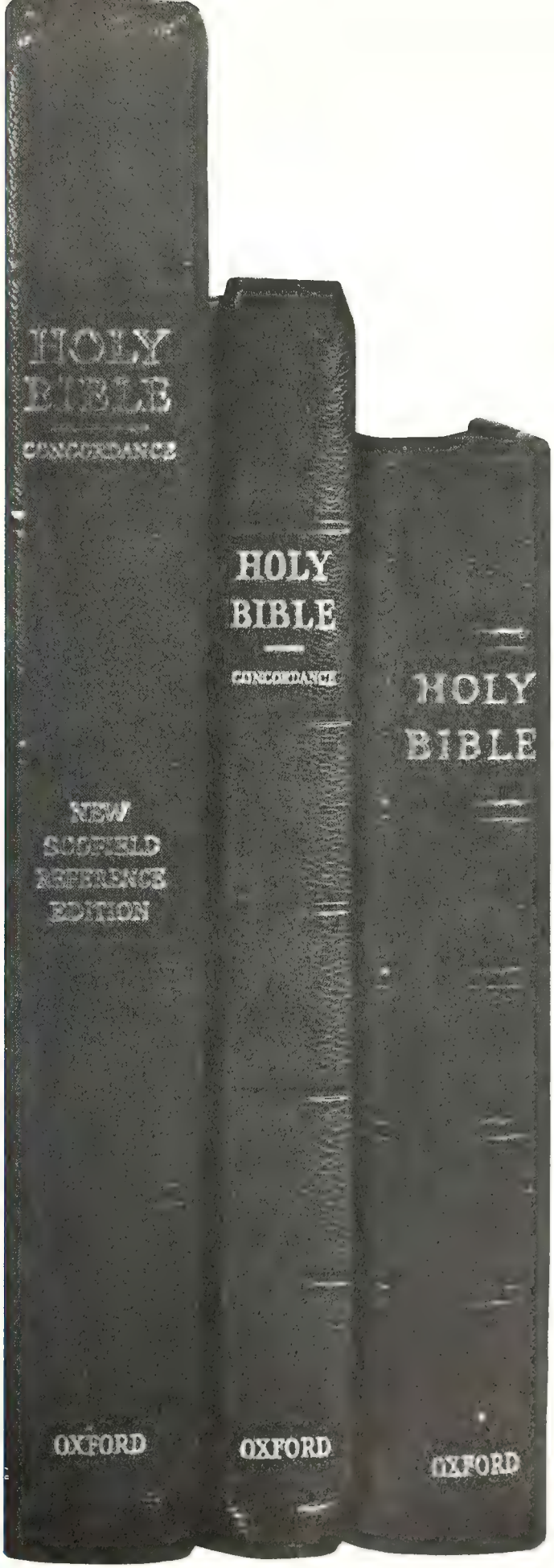
When the Psalmist David explains, "I will rejoice in thy salvation," he is saying in Hebrew: "I will rejoice in (with) thy JESHUA." Then in Psalm 91:16; "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation." In the Hebrew rendering a clearer translation would be; "With length of days (eternal life) will I satisfy him, and I will cause him to look upon my JESHUA."

When we turn to Isaiah 12:2-3, we discover this holy and blessed name mentioned three times. And again in Isaiah 62:11 JESHUA occurs with pronouns to clearly prove a Person is in mind.

Going to the briefer prophets we see in Habakkuk 3:13 perhaps the greatest exhibit of the Name in the Hebrew Bible: "Thou wentest forth with JESHA (a variant of JESHUA) of (or for) thy people; with JESHUA the Messiah."

How utterly soul-thrilling then, to hear the aged Simeon, when he took the baby Jesus in his arms, declare in the Temple that day: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy Word; for mine eyes have seen thy JESHUA" (Luke 2:29-30). Not only did he see God's salvation, God's JESHUA, but he felt Him and touched Him! Simeon's old believing heart throbbed with joy and assurance as he felt the pulsating heart of divine love in the holy infant, JESHUA.

And so will every heart throb as it receives the LORD YESHUA, in both Old and New Testaments—"... the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). ▼





"The Kids From Wheaton Invite You!"

Yeah man . . . a blast

"It was a blast!" This is the way one person described the Indiana District Spring Youth Rally attended by approximately 175 people at Wheaton, Illinois. "It turned out great," was another comment. "The best ever"; "I liked 'Sketch' Erickson";

A mock political election, a Vietnam war hero, an advocate of "good" music . . .



Teens spent much time in party strategy sessions

"The mock election was so very exciting," were the comments of others.

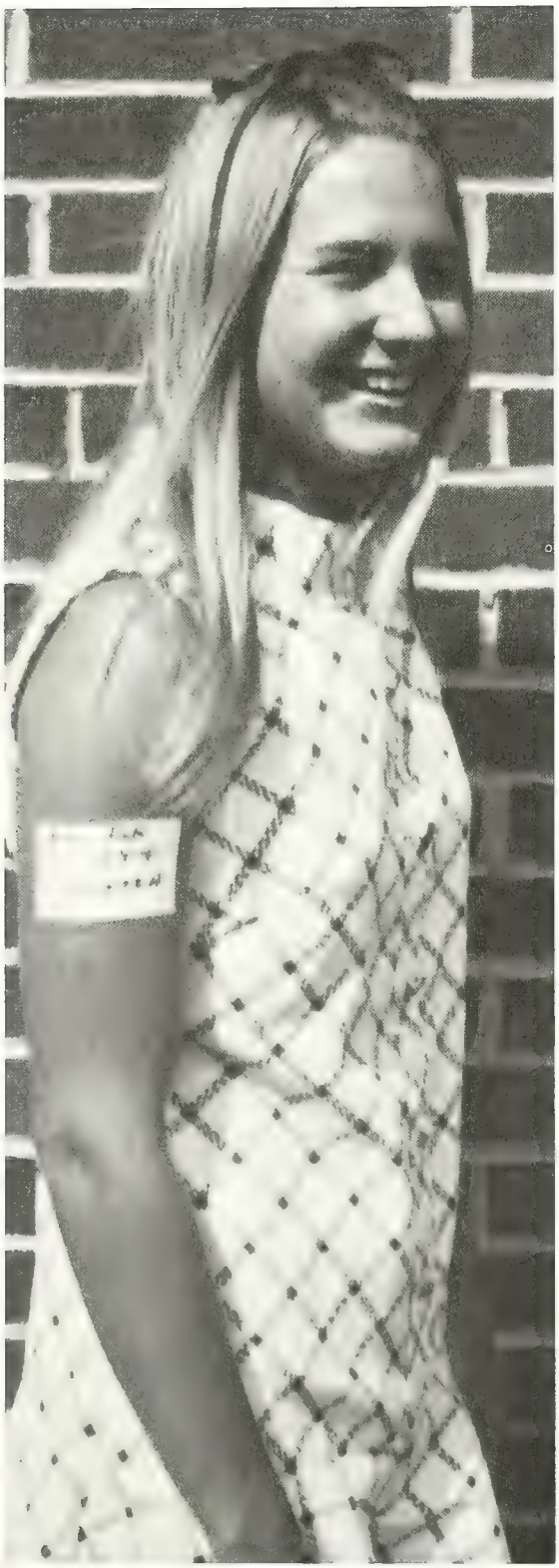
This turned out to be one of those youth rallies with a proper balance between having a good time socially, and a profitable time spiritually. There was much good food, and plenty of action. Yet, the kids sat for a couple hours and listened to "Sketch" Erickson as he stirred them with drawings, recordings, and messages on themes so very practical and familiar to all of them. He caught their attention with statements that they clearly understood and liked. "Teenagers are in a wonderful age. Girls give up dolls and take up serious matters, and boys give up serious matters and take up dolls," brought a hearty laugh. A more sobering thought was, "Teens want respect from their elders. But they should give respect to their parents. Respect is a two-way street, you get back the respect that you deserve." The kids accepted it and waited for more.

He spoke of a moral vacuum, a vacuum into which the communists are waiting to move. He warned that the communists would not invade us from our shores, but from within. They would do

Program chairman Babs Cummiskey meets Chaplain Jim Hutchens whom she contacted by phone four months earlier.



The big story was how the youth rally came about at all.



One teen boosts her favorite candidates.

it by inducing anarchy through a moral breakdown. The kids were discussing these things throughout the day.

It takes a lot to really interest teenagers, but it was accomplished through a mock presidential election campaign. It occupied their minds for an evening and most of a day. Pressure built up with each passing hour. Strategy sessions were action-packed, with the different platforms scurrying around in search of votes. What a climax as the winning party members carried successful candidate Neal DeArmey outside on their shoulders to a waiting automobile! An adult reaction was, "I thought that election idea was over the heads of these kids, but it worked!" A teenager said, "That election was exciting. I liked that!"

The climactic Saturday evening banquet was outstanding. Steak was the featured food item, and Chaplain Jim Hutchens, purple heart and bronze star with "V for Valor" winner, was the featured speaker. Both were a real success! Jim thrilled those present with his life testimony, including soulwinning on the battlefields of Vietnam. The kids took it all in. They had great respect for this chaplain who wears the green beret of the Special Forces group, and shares in the daring experiences of his men, including parachuting with them from very high altitudes.

The big story was the great success of the whole rally. The burden of organizing it fell on six to eight teenagers who were encouraged by energetic youth sponsors, a loyal pastor and his wife, and faithful people from the church and community. How thrilling it was to hear one of the young people say, "We faced a lot of problems, but we believed God would overcome them, and He did." Another said, "We felt God would help us do it, and He did."

These six to eight teenagers were amply rewarded when they saw how much the rally meant to all who attended. They themselves came to have a greater appreciation for faithful leaders. Also they were pleased that the officials of Wheaton, Illinois, "The All American City," had enough faith in its youth—Christian youth—to permit a police-escorted, decorated-automobile parade through the city with sirens and all the other extras.

All in all it was a great youth rally! ▼



Some doubt God's claim that it is

His World

By Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

In the past century and a half modern man has been thoroughly indoctrinated with the notion that natural law, not a personal God, controls the world. The apostle Peter stated that "there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming?" (II Pet. 3:4). Such men secretly, if not openly, scoff at the idea of a sudden, divine intervention into this world, whereby every unbeliever will be judged by his Maker, and the kingdoms of this world will be swept away and replaced by the kingdom of God's own Son. But the reason for this scoffing attitude is highly significant: ". . . for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." Thus, the apparent uniformity of nature's laws and processes becomes the lever by



"Christ the Creator was not limite

which man removed God from His own universe.

But the entire Word of God cries out against such a concept. The apostle Peter says that scoffers are *willingly ignorant* of two stupendous events in past history: the fact of a direct, dynamic creation of the earth by God, and the fact of a universal flood (II Pet. 3:5-6).

Such willful ignorance stems from the fact that the natural man "receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged" (I Cor. 2:14). The Scriptures further assert that the doctrine of supernatural, direct creation is beyond the grasp of the natural mind, for it is "by faith" that "we understand that the worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which appear" (Heb. 11:3).

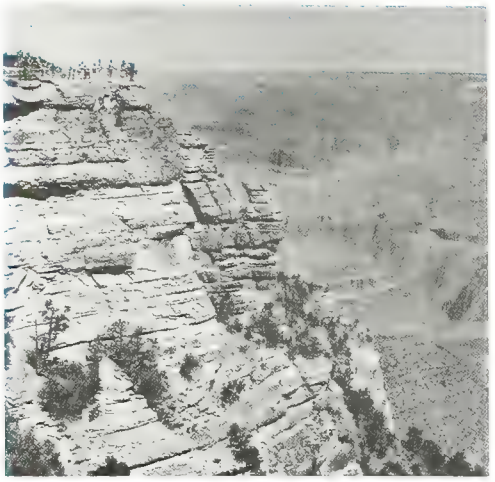
It is of the utmost importance that Christians discern these issues clearly, lest they fall prey to the naturalistic philosophy of origins which permeates our scientific world today. Because they are limited, basically, to an analysis of the present processes and laws of nature, the most refined scientific methods and the most delicate scientific instruments can never explain how the earth was created. Only by God's special revelation in Scripture can we know that "in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them" (Exod. 20:11). In line with Hebrews 11:3, this involves the concept of creation with appearance of age—a concept that far surpasses the realm and scope of unaided human reasoning, but harmonizes perfectly with the wisdom and power of God as revealed in Scripture.

On the third day of creation, God commanded: "Let the earth put forth . . . fruit trees bearing fruit after their kind, wherein is the seed thereof" (Gen. 1:11). Modern evolutionary theory insists that all plants and animals developed over hundreds of millions of years from a single speck of life in the ocean, and theistic evolutionists claim that the Bible allows for such processes by the use of such phrases as "let the earth put forth . . ." However, Genesis not only contradicts this by dating the creation of marine life *after* the creation of plants and fruit trees (1:20), but also reveals that fruit trees were created already bearing fruit with seed in them. In other words, so far from allowing the idea that fruit trees developed from marine organisms, the Scriptures indicate that the first fruit trees did not even grow from seeds. They were created full-grown, as "mature" and "adult" organisms, with a superficial appearance of age (superficial in the sense that they outwardly appeared to have grown, but did not necessarily have growth rings within).

Can such an interpretation of Genesis be correct? The phrase "after its kind" (which appears ten times in Genesis 1) demands such an interpretation, especially in the case of mammals; for such creatures could not have existed as mere "seeds" (or fertilized eggs) outside of a mother's womb. In the second place, there is a clear biblical analogy in the creation of Adam and Eve. Nothing could be clearer in Scripture than the fact that our first parents neither evolved from animals nor did they experience birth and growth. In spite of the fact that they were adults, their superficial appearance of age was only apparent, not real. Not until God breathed into him the breath of life did Adam become "a living soul" (literally, "a living creature" —same Hebrew words as in 1:21). Until that moment, he had no life at all, and thus no previous history. Eve, likewise, had no mother or childhood. She was created as an adult from a portion of Adam's body (cf. I Cor. 11:8; I Tim. 2:13). They both appeared mature when God created them and yet by our understanding of age, they were not over a day "old."

What about the work of the Son of God in the New Testament? When Christ began His public ministry, the very first miracle He performed was intended to "manifest his glory" (John 2:11) as the Creator of the world. How did He accomplish this? By instantly transforming about 150 gallons of water into delicious wine. Now wine is the end product of a long series of complex natural processes involving the drawing of water from the soil into

time or process . . ."



the fruit of a grape vine, and the gradual transforming of this water into the juice of grapes. Even then, the grapes must be picked, the juice squeezed out and the sediments allowed to settle down. But Jesus, the Lord of creation (cf. John 1:3), bypassed all these natural and human processes and created the end product with an appearance of age.

This event sheds important light on the events of Genesis 1 and 2, for it shows us that Christ the Creator was not limited by time or processes when He brought a complex world into existence. And the perplexity of the ruler of the feast, who "knew not whence it was" and mistakenly assumed that this "good wine" had been somewhere "kept . . . until now" (John 2:10), parallels the perplexity of modern scientists who ignore the biblical doctrine of supernatural creation and assume that mankind, animals, plants, and even the earth itself, must have developed from previous forms of existence.

By means of these and other biblical passages that teach the doctrine of creation with an appearance of age (such as the creation of loaves and fishes to feed thousands of people), we may assume that this was God's method of creating the world in six days. The apostle Peter wrote: "Forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years" (II Pet.3:8). In other words, God could accomplish in one day of creation what men would have to explain in terms of vast periods of time.

Since the creation week, no new kinds of living things have appeared, for the Bible states that "the heavens and the earth were *finished*, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God *finished* his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from *all* his work which he had made" (Gen. 2:1, 2).

All true discoveries in the realm of paleontology and genetics tend to confirm the biblical record of creation and the flood. The fossils themselves call for a catastrophic interpretation. There is no evidence that evolution is occurring anywhere in the earth today (Henry M. Morris, *The Twilight of Evolution*, Baker Book House, 1963).

The loss or serious modification of the biblical doctrine of creation can only serve to prepare the way of man's ultimate self-deification.

Having nearly conquered the earth and reaching out for worlds beyond, modern man is beginning to feel that he has no further need for God. Apparent obstacles to his relentless progress toward mastery of the earth have disappeared with the magic wand of scientific genius and technology, and breathtaking new possibilities of exploration and conquest continually unfold before his astonished eyes.

After centuries of painful and costly experimentation, man considers himself to be at the threshold of complete self-sufficiency. All he needs is the formula for creating life, and more advanced techniques for indefinitely postponing death—and the universe will be his!

This, however, is only the beginning of blasphemies. Self-sufficiency is only a first step. The ultimate climax is self-worship. To the extent that the doctrine of God as Creator is abandoned, to that same extent man's awareness of God's power and sovereignty will fade away. Worship of the one true God is then replaced by a deification of nature, for this is the only "god" that remains. But since nature, through vast ages of blind struggle and groping, has finally evolved into self-consciousness in the human brain, man himself becomes the only valid object of worship.

But all of this is a vain delusion. For when sinful man approaches the day of his supposed independence from the "God-concept," it will so happen that "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure" (Psa. 2:4,5). At the climax of human history, at the end of man's day, God will forcibly remind the human race of *His absolute sovereignty* in the world, by virtue of the astounding fact that He created it out of nothing (*ex nihilo*) by a mere act of His omnipotent will. Thus, the apocalyptic warning will resound from heaven: "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" (Rev. 14:7). Man must surrender to God on *His* terms, because *this is His world*, by right of *creation*!

Letter From Vietnam

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Dear Dr. Hoyt:

How long or short this turns out to be does not really matter. The thing that really matters to me is this:

I want to show someone a wonderful discovery I have made. This discovery I have made is something which existed for two thousand years. This discovery has saved my life! Yet while this discovery is as old as man, millions failed to claim it. I have claimed the discovery. Twenty years after hearing of Christ, I finally accepted who He is, what He did for me, and how I can benefit from it. The reason so many go through life blind to the life-saving discovery is because it is so simple, yet so complete. It appears that there must be something needed in addition.

How did I make the discovery? Well, while here in Vietnam I made friends with some Christians. Among them were several chaplains. The names of two are Chaplain George Norton, who showed me the four spiritual laws, and a Chaplain John Talley who showed me John 3:16.

So I come to this: My letter is about a man called John. Not John in John 3:16, but rather Chaplain John Talley.

While I was reading the *Truth* (the Holy Bible) there were many puzzling things I didn't quite grasp. Whether it was forced about by God, or fate, or whatever, I chanced to meet a man who changed my life. To make a long story short, Chaplain Talley offered to show me the way to salvation. Chaplain Talley and I started prayer meetings and Bible-study periods. Gradually I came to know Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

He always insisted that I would read the Bible and make my decision. I had discovered before in my reading of Ephesians 2:8 and 9 and John 3:16 that I wasn't a Christian. And yet something more sad, my folks aren't Christians. They love God, go to church and are involved in church work. Yet they aren't yet saved. I plan to enter the ministry and at the same time get my folks to read Ephesians and John.

In my opinion, the most frightening thing in death is not pain, or where or when it happens, but ARE YOU READY?

Thanks to Chaplain Norton and Chaplain Talley, I'm a new person and a saved soul!

I can't really say enough good things about the Army Chaplains; I don't have enough paper. Chaplains don't have to come to the battlefield with us, yet with us now at Tu Duk, Vietnam, just outside Saigon, is Chaplain Talley. Several chaplains have been wounded, others have died aiding wounded soldiers and giving last rites. These are just a few highlights of some of the things the chaplains do when they're not visiting the hospitals, or on a patrol which they're not supposed to be on, or, as in my case, preparing one for salvation!

My hat is off to Chaplain Talley, and my heart and prayers go out to him for a job well done.

This is my testimony, a G.I. who became a Christian.

Sincerely yours,

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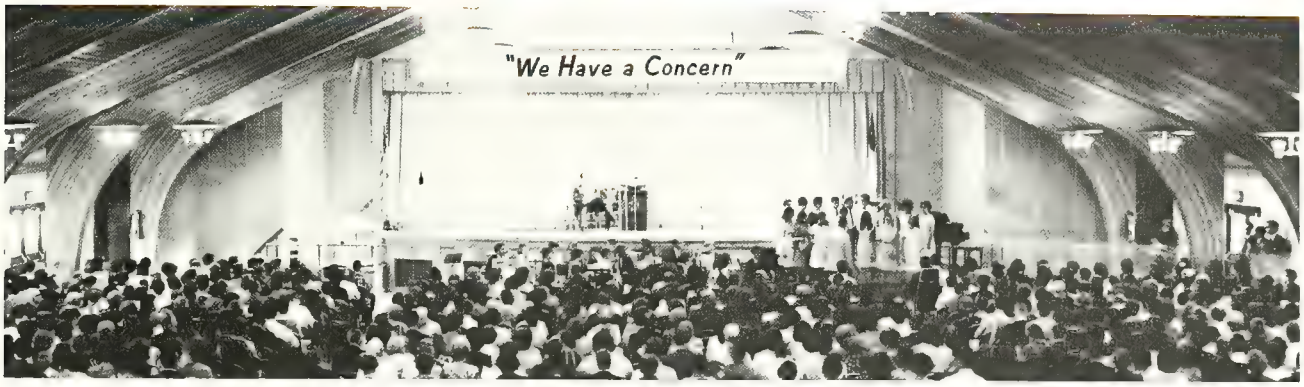
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The Editor Speaks . . .

By Clyde H. Landrum



"I'm Too Busy"

"I'm too busy to go!" "I can't afford to make the trip."

Time after time these and other reasons are given for not attending national conference. All of which causes us to reflect on the importance of attending this year's conference. A few moments' reflection could prove profitable to both pastor and people.

First, let's consider the people of the churches. Important business of concern to the local church is transacted at national conference. No church can afford the false economy of saving money by keeping the pastor at home. Nor can the church afford to have him stay at home, except in cases of dire emergency. Every church needs to be represented in sessions where business of general concern to all churches is transacted. By having its representative there, each church will keep informed, and each church will have a vote in the transactions. And having lay delegates at the conference strengthens the voice of the church in the actions taken and makes for a fuller report upon return from conference.

Reports of the denominational boards are of great importance to the churches. Throughout the year people are challenged by the boards to pray for and give to the various ministries. Thus, the churches' duly appointed representatives should be there when annual reports are given so that they can bring back an evaluation of the work being done by the boards. It is just good business to do this! Copies of written reports should be taken back home so that all the people of the churches may see firsthand what is being done.

For his own good, the pastor should be at national conference. The gospel ministry is his very life. Anything that will assist him in this lifetime calling will be of great help and blessing to him. To be with fellow ministers and to be in the national ministerium meetings should be refreshing and instructive to him. He will learn much from Christian education conferences and from messages by outstanding speakers, and he will be strengthened by fellowship with his brethren. He will come home refreshed and blessed.

Many churches are seeing to it that their minister and lay delegates are present at every national conference. This is as it should be. Yet there are still those churches which say: "We *help* our pastor with *his* conference expenses," or "We give our pastor a vacation by sending him to national conference." The expenses of the pastor to conference should not be considered *his*, but *ours*. Actually, the pastor at conference is doing the business of the church which he represents. And the church should underwrite the expenses. Furthermore, national conference is not to be considered a vacation for the pastor. Far from it. He will enjoy it, yes; but it is work; hard work. Yet it is the kind of work that can be challenging, informative, and inspiring. The pastor should be in there plugging in all of the sessions; yet he should be able to return home with encouraged and refreshed reports that would thrill the people. And he should be an "alpha" and "omega" delegate—present for the first session and the last. Too many people get into the habit of coming late or leaving early. They profess to be the busy ones, but I sometimes wonder if they are as busy as some who are present all the way through!

Planning is necessary to achieve best results. The church should decide early that the pastor is going to conference and that there will be lay delegates to accompany him, and should make arrangements accordingly. Good planning—and early—often makes the difference between attending and not attending, and between good and poor results.

Perhaps we could come up with a slogan such as "Let's All Participate, In Conference '68!" Without doubt great blessing would result. ▼



MISSIONS UNMASKED

High on the list of today's nonheroes is the iconoclast. He seems to delight in exposing to the irreverent gaze of factual analysis the cherished images whose features we had not thought to question. It is not the destructive spirit of the iconoclast, but the need of the hour for genuine involvement in today's mission opportunity which suggests we look behind the mask formed by the accretions of time, to see the true face of missions. That face as seen by many Christians is a tragic caricature of the real appearance of missions in today's world. It may resemble the impractical, pith-helmeted, romantic, colonial "Dr. Worvis" of *World Vision* magazine; or it may appear in the form of an invincible though suffering David Livingstone, pressing on through uncharted jungles to those never before touched by civilization, that they might have at least one opportunity to hear the Gospel.

It may be that masking the true identity of foreign missions has served a good purpose in arousing the interest of those who are otherwise apathetic and awaken only to the sensational and exotic. There is no doubt, however, that much harm has been done in giving a sense of unreality and distance to that in which we are all responsibly involved by the mandate of our Lord Jesus Christ. The only distance between each of us and the work of missions is that distance between one's heart and his knees. Any barrier which blocks or distorts our perception of that which is our first responsibility is an enemy which must be pulled down.

Harmon Aldon Johnson, in an article appearing in a recent issue of *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, causes us to squirm a little as he places his finger on a sensitive spot: "The 'elective' nature of mission as it has been conceived by the church has made fund-raising one of the most important activities of boards and societies. Missions have tended to emphasize those aspects of missionary activity which loosen purse strings. . . . The existence of urban churches on the mission field that may be in need of mission help is somehow less romantic, less adventurous, and therefore less apt to attract contributors, than more exotic specialized ministries, such as to unreached tribes or in some types of institutions."

This catering to an unreal image of missions has led to the kind of thinking demonstrated by a "missionary-minded" church which recently assumed the support of a missionary to Africa on the condition that he go into completely virgin territory previously untouched by the Gospel. It was only after the expenditure of much time and effort that he finally located an area which would satisfy this demand. Such restrictions upon missionary work, dictated by the need to appeal to the naive interests of contributors, may seriously delay the development of effective strategy and the efficient establishment of a strong indigenous church.

Some recent voices have been heard to exclaim, "The day of foreign missions is past!" Nothing could be further from the truth, unless by "foreign missions" is meant this unreal, romantic image. In truth, the need for immediate action and the opportunity to work have never been greater than in the volatile day in which we live, but the nineteenth-century fugitive from

By

Rev. Raymond Thompson

the cannibal stew pot is not equipped to do the job.

Harold Fife, writing on this theme in the June 7, 1968, *Christianity Today*, reminds us that "in the background is a world in flux, a world made smaller by fast travel, radio and television. People are more aware of political events, scientific achievements, and cultures other than their own. No country today lives to itself, and often the 'natives' are more alert to modern world trends than are some of the missionaries who carry the everlasting gospel to them. Young and sometimes immature churches will not take mission leadership for granted and will certainly, and perhaps rightly, resist mission control; adolescent churches, like young people, are restless and sometimes irresponsible."

Against this background we see this struggling adolescent church faced with a many-sided attack to divide and destroy it before it becomes strong and stable. A few of the subtle guises of the attack are seen in the super-spiritual facade of pseudo-Pentecostal experience; the sensual appeal of materialism to the newly literate enjoying his first taste of affluence; the emotional appeal of a resurgent traditionalism; the religious appeal of an easy ritualism. Each of these finds a response in an awakening desire for improvement, and each is destructive to the growth of the church.

The effective missionary of today's world must possess an infinite mixture of wisdom and humility. His big task is that of nurturing stumbling, struggling believers until, in the strength of an unshakable commitment to Christ, they are carrying the burden of evangelizing and teaching their own people. All of the missionary's energies and programs must be directed toward strengthening the local church, which will belong to and function through the individual believer, entirely independent of any outside management or support. This means that the missionary and, beyond him, his sending agency must have goals which are met, not as power, influence, and holdings are increased in a given location, but only as the need for the mission decreases through the ability of the maturing church to assume its total program. The missionary, while he may be loved by the people among whom he has worked, will often go unheralded if he has been truly effective, as the print of his hand will become indistinguishable from the prints left by the national believers who have taken the raw materials and have built a structure which is totally theirs.

May we look behind the mask to the true face of missions today and, seeing all the complexities of the materializing, educating, urbanizing, sophisticating process at work throughout our world, cast aside our innocent missionary daydreams of curios and monkey meat in a land of adventure.

World mission is not an elective: it is *the* job of each member of the church. It is deadly serious business. It cannot be accomplished without the understanding participation of every one of us who, in submission to the sovereign will of our Lord Jesus Christ, is willing to deny self and follow Him in a victorious storming of the doors of opportunity, for His glory. ▼

Summer Evangelism in Cordoba

Many of you have heard that we have been having difficulties here in the Brethren mission in Argentina, and many of you have prayed. It was due to these problems that it seemed wise not to have the regular camps and conference this summer. This was a disappointment to many of us, as the camps and conference are always a blessing.

However, much prayer was raised to the Lord in this time of trouble, and we have no doubt but that He heard and is working all this out for good.

No doubt others in the mission, as well as we here in Cordoba, would be able to testify to the blessings received this summer. The reason is that our summer camps and conference usually take up much of our time during the summer months, and consequently we are unable to get many things done that we would like to do in the way of evangelism. But this summer it was different! Without camps and conference we were able to dedicate ourselves to a very definite effort of getting out the Gospel. We want to tell you about what the church here in Cordoba did with the help of the Lord.

The story is simple. An empty lot, an installation of lights, a screen for the showing of slides, a platform, a few chairs, a loudspeaker system—and we were ready to go. It was all quite simple as compared to setting up a tent. Yet this is the way we worked during the summer in seven sections of Cordoba.

Last summer we had done this in three sections of the city after camps and conference were over. Such was the apparent blessing of the Lord that others of the congregation insisted that we have open-air campaigns in their neighborhoods this summer.

In each case we printed announcements that we passed out from house to house or distributed from the car as we went through the streets announcing the campaign with an electronic megaphone.

In these troublous days it seemed more important than ever that this effort have every mark of being Argentine. So the missionary's voice was not heard over the megaphone or in the reading and preaching of the Word. As far as the public could determine, the effort was Argentine.

The results were varying according to the type of neighborhood. Each campaign was held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. And the Lord permitted us to have each meeting, though on an occasion or two it looked as though rain would make it impossible. One night the preacher gave his message with lightning flashing every few seconds. But no rain fell, and we were able to complete the meeting with good attendance and good attention.

During the message of each meeting we provided a special lesson for children who were in attendance. Young ladies of the church took charge of this with flannelgraph lessons and choruses.

Results? These are always interesting and important, even though all is done for Him. As is generally the case, a good number of children made professions of faith, and some of these are now attending our Sunday school. And some fifteen adults and young people made decisions for Christ in the meetings; some of them are now attending regularly in Parque Velez Sarsfield.

"Beauty for ashes" seems to apply somewhat to our mission here in Argentina, as to the summer activities, and we thank God for it. It is His doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.—*Rev. Lynn D. Schrock* ▼

The Argentines were amazed

"And the Priest Authorized Their Books..."

By Rita Hoyt

(FMS editor's note: Rita Hoyt, eldest of the five children of Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt, missionaries to Argentina, was graduated from Grace College in 1966 and then spent about a year and a half working in Spain with Operation Mobilization, which gave her an excellent background for the literature campaign in Argentina.)

"Who are those people next to the Commercial School? They have a truck and a tent."

"Yes, they came to my house today selling books. And they say the priest has authorized their books."

The young people of the Evangelistic Crusade have been the talk of sixteen towns this summer. The truck was the girls' bedroom, kitchen, dining room if the weather was not nice, and book room; and the fellows slept in the tent. The Lord provided a special place in each town to set up the camp: a large lot with an abandoned house and a horse, a barn, the playground of a primary school, the trees next to a railroad, and a high school.

Each morning and afternoon the team members left with book bags full of Bibles, New Testaments, Billy Graham booklets, children's books, and tracts. And each time they came back filled with joy and many interesting experiences. One fellow returned loaded with a huge bag of squashes received in payment for a Bible. About $300 worth of gospel literature was sold in this house-to-house, town-to-town effort.

Some nights the team held special meetings presenting vocal and instrumental music and a short salvation message. In one town more than a hundred gathered in the main square, mostly young people. Ten or twelve remained afterwards till 2 a.m. to talk with two of the fellows about how to receive Christ. One of them had prayed accepting Christ a few moments before the meeting.

Other activities included informal gatherings with the neighbors and interested ones. In Chanar Ladeado they were invited to a barbecue with the priest and several Catholic Action young people—a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of eternal life in Jesus. In Camilo Aldao the only two believers and their families had a farewell meal for them.

Many good contacts and wonderful conversations developed. One sixteen-year-old boy, who belongs to a Catholic youth movement, spent much time with the team. His mother bought him a Bible; he wants to consider his relationship with God. In one small town almost everyone was open and interested. Two women read the Bible daily and sometimes get together to discuss it. One has already understood and accepted Christ on her own.

But this is only the slight beginning of what God wants to do. Will you pray? ▼

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

KING AND QUEEN OF THE MHC



The children who were crowned "King" and "Queen" at the Missionary Helpers Club meetings at Winona Lake, Indiana, last year, were brother and sister. In the picture, "King" Doug Russell is standing beside tall missionary Walter Haag in his Mexican costume. "Queen" Becky Russell is standing by Mrs. Haag, who is better known to the MH'ers as "Aunt Alys."

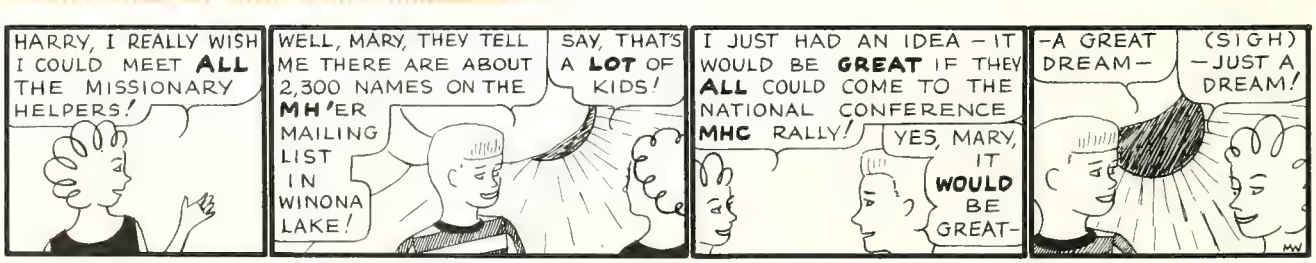
The king and queen are wearing crowns and fur-trimmed capes, and are holding scepters. Doug and Becky were king and queen because of the MHC memory work they did.

Again this year Aunt Alys will be in charge of meetings during the evenings of national conference at Winona Lake the week of August 12. Boys and girls who can be present will be sure to have a wonderful time.

It is true that most MH'ers—scattered all across the U.S.—will not be able to come to Winona Lake for these meetings. Many MH'ers do belong to local MH groups and have good times and hear the stories and learn about the missionaries in their meetings. But all that some MH'ers know about MHC comes from the letters they receive in the mail every two months.

In any case, all MH'ers should remember the goals of the club, as printed on the back of the membership cards:

1. I will pray regularly for the missionaries.
2. I will give of my money to preach the Gospel in foreign lands.
3. I will learn the Missionary Helpers Chorus.
4. I will try to get other Missionary Helpers.
5. I will learn the club verse, Matthew 9:38. ▼



tribute to a teen-ager



By Rev. and Mrs. Don Miller

The dedication service for the Nancy Miller Memorial Christian Bookstore was held at 9 a.m. on April 16 in the city of Bossangoa, Central African Republic. This bookstore has been in the planning stages for some time. One of the chief problems was that of securing the land, for this is not always an easy procedure. The Lord provided a very fine location on the block between the open market and the hospital. These are two of the most important places in town. Our mission builder, Mr. Al Balzer, has built an attractive, inviting building under the shady trees in this location.

There are three Brethren churches in the city of Bossangoa, which has a population of 35,000 people. Their youth and women's groups had gathered at one of the churches. Dressed in their bright uniforms and carrying their flags, they marched down the long road to the bookstore.

The weather had been very hot and the rains were just beginning, but Dedication Day was a beautiful day. A public address system was set up, and fifteen minutes of Christian music was played. Soon the crowd began to come. The total number of those who gathered was about 1,500. Four of the government officials of the city attended. Colette Steudler and some of the students of the James Gribble High School came up from Yaloke for the occasion. Some of these students were former residents of Bossangoa, and one of the young men is a son of the bookstore clerk. The students played special musical numbers on a guitar, melodicas, and African instruments. The people loved the songs.

The local African pastors were in charge of the service. They did an excellent job. We praise the Lord for capable men who are able to handle His Word and to lead their people into a walk with Him. Pastor Moehama Paul gave the dedication message, which we would like to share with you. He said:

"The subject that I want to discuss with you is the building called the 'Librairie Evangelique' (Evangelical Bookstore). There are many bookstores, but this one is of the Gospel. The Gospel is the affair of Christ's death, His resurrection, and His returning to heaven.

"In II Peter 1:16-21, Peter says the Word of God is not a cunningly de-



Pastor Moehama Paul gave the dedication message.

vised fable. He says it is not a fable or an allegory. He says that the Word came to him. He heard the voice of God speaking from heaven. He knows that the Word that was shown in the name of God is true. The Apostle Peter admonishes you and me to take the Word like a lamp that a person puts his heart on in the darkness.

"Myself, I give thanks to God. Formerly, our fathers taught us the things that they remembered that they had heard from other people's mouths. But now many books have been translated into the language that we, the people of Central Africa, are able to read.

"In your walk on this earth, you walk in darkness. Only the Bible is able to give light. All the people that sit here want a lamp in their houses at night, because, when the night comes, all of the houses are dark.

"You that have still not bought the Word of God, you are walking in darkness. The government of the Central African Republic does well. It asks us to preach in all places, even in all of the schools.

"What closes your way to buy or to read the Word of God, and because of this you walk in darkness? Perhaps you say you do not want to read because it would show judgment upon your sin. Or it will show you the judgment of God upon you. But I ask you: If people do not read the laws of the government, when they refuse the law, are they still not subject to the judgment of the law? Indeed they are.

"Therefore, I warn you to buy the Word of God. It will become the light of your feet until Jesus, the morning star, arises in your heart. Receive this message in the name of Jesus."

After the message, the bookstore clerk was introduced to the public. He then presented gold-edged Sango Bibles to the four administrative officials who were present.

Pastor Jean Feolinga gave the dedicatory prayer. He has faithfully given forth the Word of God for years in Bossangoa and, although losing his eyesight, he is still serving as pastor.

At the conclusion of the service, about 800 Gospels in Sango were distributed.

Not only Christian literature, but also stationery and school supplies are sold in the bookstore. These latter supplies accomplish two purposes. They bring more people into the bookstore, and they help to care for expenses that could not be otherwise absorbed. These expenses include the clerk's salary and approximately $100 for the payment of government taxes. The local administration and population are pleased that they are able to purchase a few stationery supplies locally. There is no other stationer in town.

One side of the bookstore is a reading area. People may come in and read and write. The local high school students frequently avail themselves of these facilities. Think of the challenges and opportunities with this group alone!

Our daughter Nancy loved Africa and the Africans. She wept when she left the land. She had expressed a desire to become a missionary. In God's plan, He chose otherwise. He called her to himself exactly a month before her fourteenth birthday. Nancy's uncle John Myers (the brother of pioneer missionary Estella Myers) had provided funds for Nancy's college education. The bookstore at Bossangoa was built with these funds, and it was presented in her memory. The memorial plaque, which was written in the French language, contains this inscription: "This bookstore is built in order that all may be able easily to obtain Christian literature. It is for the purpose of serving for the glory of the Lord that this building is offered, and it is erected in memory of Nancy, the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Miller."

The bookstore was begun with prayer, and it is upheld by it. Our prayer is that many may be won to Christ and strengthened in Him through the ministry of Christian literature. ▼

"The Apostle Peter admonishes you and me to take the Word like a lamp that a person puts his heart on in the darkness"



At right: The bookstore and Dedication Day crowd.

Yaloke's Music Makers

By Mrs. Jean-Louis Steudler



"How much did you pay for that guitar?"

"About ten dollars."

"Did you buy it in France?"

"No, in Switzerland, but it is of German origin."

"Good. That will cost you $4.00 for customs. You know, here in Bangui a guitar like this one would be worth $48.00!"

"Thank you, sir. And for the six melodicas?"

"Who are these instruments for?"

"They are intended for the students at the James Gribble High School of Yaloke."

"Of Yaloke? Oh, I know about that school. I wish you lots of success, Madame. There won't be any tax for the melodicas."

This conversation took place last September at the customs office of the Bangui airport when I came back from furlough. Thanks to the generosity of some Christians, we had been able to buy six melodicas, a guitar, a triangle, and a pair of maracas. The students were immediately interested in these instruments. They got themselves a little tom-tom of monkey skin and rehearsals began.

The Christian Youth Movement in the Central African Republic is an organization which brings together all the students who want to walk in the Christian way. A big conference took place at Easter. The central president, a student in the last year of high school who will take exams for his baccalaureate in June, contacted us about supplying the music. Our family went to Bangui with ten delegates, all musicians from the Yaloke high school.

Several missionaries from other missions were also invited and gave messages. But the greater part of the messages were given by those in charge of groups of the country. The general theme of the conference was "The Normal Christian Life"—a timely subject for young people who do not come from families sufficiently instructed for guiding them.

Approximately 200 participants, including forty girls, took part in the meetings with interest. Following two solemn appeals made by missionaries Don Hocking and Jean-Louis Steudler, more than three-fourths of the young people stood up as a sign of consecration. It was really impressive. What a responsibility is ours before this manifestation of the Spirit of God! We were all moved to the point of anguish. We are so occupied, and it is not easy work!

Easter Sunday morning we participated in the Bangui French service. There were more than 500 young fellows and girls. The Sunday before we had attended and furnished the music for the wedding of one of our former students who had just finished his training to become a policeman. It was the first marriage to be celebrated in the French service, and it was encouraging to see that the bridegroom was a young man who had been a student for several years at Yaloke.

At Bossangoa, the Tuesday after Easter, the inauguration of the new evangelical bookstore took place. It will also serve as a reading room for young people. Jean-Louis had to return to Yaloke, so I drove the Peugeot 403 truck with the musicians to this town of Bossangoa, which is 300 kilometers from Bangui.

On the morning of this particular day we all met in the mission station yard. I had painted two large invitation posters, which we attached to the back of the truck. All the musicians jumped onto the back of the truck and played spiritedly while I drove slowly through the streets of the town. When we arrived in front of the new bookstore, we saw that there was already a crowd. They were being kept in good order by several policemen. A missionary plugged in the tape recorder, which was connected to the loudspeaker. Unfortunately, the humidity or some other unforeseeable cause hindered the good functioning of the equipment. Then the one in charge came anxiously to ask me if we could play something in order to keep people patient.

And we played. One after another, all the hymns learned (twenty in all!) were played twice, and then we sang. They asked us to play and sing again a delightful song which begins, "Il m'a sauve, Il m'a sauve, beni soit Son Nom!" (He saved me, He saved me, blessed be His name!), and also a chorus clearly presenting the words of John 3:16.

During nearly an hour the crowd listened without budging, standing in front of the new little building. Happily, it was in the shade under the trees. At last the official government car arrived. The chief administrator of the Bossangoa district and his following were greeted warmly. The ceremony could begin.

After the message given in Sango by an African pastor, the man in charge of the bookstore presented to the officials four beautiful new Sango Bibles. Then came a visit to the store and refreshments served by the mission. There was much talking. The chief administrator was very much interested to learn that most of the high school students who furnished the music were children from Bossangoa. He gave a little speech to the missionaries before he left, and his words—far from being the usual thank-you—showed that he appreciated the work accomplished by the Brethren churches in the Bossangoa area. The police lieutenant who accompanied him is a true Christian who does not hide his testimony.

I cannot keep myself from asking all of you to pray with fervor and, especially, with faithfulness for the young Christians of the Central African Republic, who have placed before them difficulties which are unknown in our own countries.

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Sensible Sex

By Opa

I'm for marriage! I've read many prophecies that our social mores will change and have pondered the intensifying propaganda for so-called sexual freedom. Yet I'm still for marriage. I'm for the *freedom* of marriage. The prospect of having a dozen different love affairs during my life appalls me with its restrictions—and I say this after being married to the same man for nearly twenty-two years.

We may as well start with sex. Give me the liberty of the marriage bed. Give me the freedom of a sexual relationship with one lifetime partner. Give me the complete abandon of the physical and spiritual oneness found only in married love.

In marriage there is freedom from fear. How I'd hate to be hemmed in by the fears I know I'd feel in a transitory relationship. Improvements in birth control methods have taken away much of the fear of conception. Still, thousands of illegitimate babies are born every year. Even in marriage the possible consequence of the mating act can at times inhibit a woman's response to it. Outside marriage, where these fears are multiplied many times, what freedom could a woman enjoy?

There is also freedom from comparison. I am not troubled by a gnawing fear that I might not be living up to a former partner's performance. There is a satisfying security in the knowledge that I did not lure my husband from the embrace of another woman and, because he, too, whole-heartedly believes in marriage, that no other woman can alienate him from me because her body is more seductive.

There is freedom to grow old within the comfort of my husband's love. I don't think I could bear the agony of being discarded when my physical capacities in this realm, as in others, lose the vigor of youth.

Marriage has made me a mother four times. I would hate to be an unmarried mother, and not only because it is still frowned upon by society. What glorious freedom there is in being able to share the joy of a baby's birth and growth with a husband, who usually feels the same pride and elation in this greatest of all joint enterprises. How fenced in I would have felt had I been required to act modestly with *everybody!*

There are countless memories of shared joys and sorrows in a good marriage. I'd hate being cheated of these. There have been hundreds of shared small triumphs, and of private jokes that are funny only to us. It takes a while for a man and a woman to build up this kind of easy mental intimacy.

I am not bored but rather comforted by my knowledge of how my husband will react to almost any situation. I don't have to be tormented with self-doubts when he is quieter than usual; years of living with him have taught me







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that he is worried about something, not disenchanted with me. I wasn't always sure those first few years.

In marriage I find freedom to grow as a whole person. I don't think this would be possible for me with any relationship less intimate and binding. Because I don't have to be constantly concerned with my seduction rating, I have energies with which to pursue my interests and nurture whatever talents I have. No doubt this makes me more interesting to my husband. It certainly fulfills a deep need in me.

I think marriage also enriches my social life. I have more and better friends among both sexes than I could have as a single person. I consider many men my good friends. We have delightful conversations. I don't have to worry about impressing them, and they don't have to be wary of me.

I suppose monogamy is one kind of freedom and the "new morality" is another, and I grant that the price of marital freedom is high. One has to give up a great deal of selfishness in order to achieve peace and happiness with another person. I would not say that my husband and I were each the one perfect choice for the other. At times, we've felt madly incompatible! Yet the territorial rights and freedom of marriage have given us space to grow not only as separate beings but in an ever-deepening oneness that has brought us much happiness.

It has given life to four other happy human beings, too. I can't see how "free love" could ever produce this kind of happiness for people. No doubt, it satisfies physical passion. Yet I wonder how much tenderness you would find in a man unwilling to give his name to and sacrifice himself for his possible unborn child? How much real love is there in a woman concerned only with herself, her sex partner, and the thrill of the moment?

With America's emphasis on sex, it isn't any wonder that even very young people come to believe that sexual gratification is the "pearl of great price," worth the exchange of all other treasures. Unfortunately, by the time many of them find out that other treasures are highly valuable also, it is too late. They have thrown them away on somebody who doesn't know diamonds from rhinestones.

I believe that the God who made us gave us marriage because He knew it would bring us the highest happiness. Some call this naivete. Others consider it romanticism. To them I can only offer my own experience in reply: Marriage has brought great happiness to me. ▼

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Church News

WOOSTER, OHIO. As a part of a special "Missions Sunday" on June 9 at the First Brethren Church here Mr. and Mrs. George Peters were dedicated by the congregation for mission service in the Central African Republic. Speaker for the service was Rev. George Johnson, brother of Mrs. Peters, who just five days before had returned home for furlough from mission service in Brazil. The Wooster church now has nine members serving in foreign missions in Africa and Brazil, besides three young people who are out in short-term foreign mission service this summer. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

LA PUENTE, CALIF. Rev. Curtis Mitchell was the special speaker for the Easter Sunrise Service, with 74 in attendance. A new high in attendance was reached the week before Easter with 83. The first quarter communion service saw 40 in attendance. Frank Dunigan, pastor.



WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. Charles Ashman, pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, is shown turning the first shovel of dirt in the ground-breaking ceremony for the church's new facilities. The new sanctuary will seat 500 on the main floor, 200 in the balcony, and 50 in the choir loft, for a capacity of 750. A two-level education-administration building will also be constructed adjacent to the church.

DAYTON, OHIO. The congregation of the North Riverdale Brethren Church has voted to purchase a church parsonage. The address is 130 W. Melford Avenue. Jesse Deloe, Jr., pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO. Rev. Jack K. Peters has announced his resignation from the Grace Brethren Church here, and will assume duties as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in the middle of July.

WARSAW, IND. Sixteen new members were received by the Community Grace Brethren Church on May 26. This makes a total of 58 new members received in the last 18 months. The congregation has given $8,000 to the building fund in six months, looking forward to the construction of a new church building in the near future. Mark Malles, pastor.

COVINGTON, VA. The combined WMC and SMM groups of the Grace Brethren Church held their annual Mother-Daughter Reception on May 28. The skit "Mother and Mary Reminisce" was presented, and refreshments of cake and punch were served. As a special project, candle holders and crystal plates were purchased for the church by the WMC groups.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Three young people of the First Brethren Church are taking a summer for missionary service. Van Wood and Sharman Stavness will work in Mexico City under the TIME program of the Christian Education and Foreign Missions work of The Brethren Church. Kenton Wood plans to work in Bolivia through a program of Wheaton College. Dr. Elias D. White, pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. The Lord blessed in evangelistic services with Rev. Dean Fetterhoff with 22 first-time decisions and 13 rededications. This was the fifth time Rev. Fetterhoff has ministered in the First Brethren Church in 19 years. W. Wayne Baker is pastor.



MANHEIM, PA. A surprise drop-in party honoring the 40th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Ulysses L. Gingrich was given on Saturday, April 20, by the Manheim Grace Brethren Church, where Rev. Gingrich has been the pastor for the past four years. Rev. and Mrs. Gingrich, shown in the picture, are holding up one of the many gifts they received.

MEYERSDALE, PA. Pastor William H. Snell has resigned at the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church to become the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Martinsburg, Pa. After serving in Meyersdale for eight years, his resignation will become effective August 19.

STOYSTOWN, PA. The Lord blessed in an evangelism crusade with Rev. Shimer Darr, May 19-26. Two first-time decisions were made and 34 rededications of life were also made. The church also used its new pool for the first time and baptized nine people who will be joining the church membership. Arthur F. Collins, pastor.

NEW HOLLAND, PA. The Grace Brethren Church dedicated its new church building on May 26 with Nathan Meyer as speaker for the occasion. Construction was done by one of the Brethren Home Missions construction crews. Richard McCarthy, pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Acceptance of the pastorate of the First Brethren Church was announced by Dan Grabill after a call extended by the congregation. Present pastor, Rev. Alva Steffler, will terminate his ministry on August 15 to begin duties on the Grace College faculty.

ELIZABETHTOWN. PA. Mr. Paul

Voronaeff, noted Russian evangelist and author, spoke at the Grace Brethren Church on June 6. He related his personal experiences of arrest by the Soviet secret police and a term in a hard labor concentration camp.

WHOOPS! We (The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.) made an error on the Comparative Report in the May 18, 1968, *Brethren Missionary Herald* for which we are very sorry. The Grace Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio, should have read $2,701.00 and the Southview Grace Brethren Church, $1,261.36 for 1967-68.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Mrs. Dorothy Craig, R.N., has been named director of nursing education at Parkview-Methodist School of Nursing. Mrs. Craig is the Sunday-school secretary at the Grace Brethren Church. She is a graduate of Grace College. W. Stanley Jensen, pastor.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. The Lord richly blessed in an eight-day Prophetical Bible Conference with Rev. Nathan Meyer as speaker. Four first-time decisions and seven rededications of life were recorded. An additional 70 moved down the aisle in rededication on the final Sunday morning. The average attendance was 147, and the largest attendance was 196. The church comfortably seats 144. Melvin C. Hobson, pastor.



LONG BEACH, CALIF. Dr. and Mrs. George O. Peek and their granddaughter Jan Peek left on the first of June with 21 members of the church for the Holy Land. It is the Peeks' second tour of the Holy Land. They plan to spend a total of six weeks fellowshiping with Brethren missionaries, chaplains, and Campus Crusade workers while in Europe.



BELLFLOWER, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church has begun construction on its new $325,000 church facility. Arrangements have been made with the contractor whereby members of the church can work together with his crew and help reduce the contract price. Sunday morning services are currently being held in the Ramona School auditorium. Evening and midweek services are held in the old sanctuary which will remain standing until the opening phase of construction is completed. Pictured above is the building committee on Groundbreaking Sunday. Left to right: Mr. Roger Johnson, Mr. Jim TeGrotenhuis, Mr. J. Garland Davis, Mr. Aubrey Boaz, Mr. J. A. Leffingwell, Mr. C. C. Blake, Mr. Fred Wetzel, and Pastor Edwin E. Cashman.

August Bible Reading Calendar

AUGUST			
DATE	MORNING	EVENING	
1	PSA. 65, 66, 67	ROMANS	2
2	PSALMS 68, 69	ROMANS	3
3	PSA. 70, 71, 72	ROMANS	4
4	PSALMS 73, 74	ROMANS	5
5	PSA. 75, 76, 77	ROMANS	6
6	PSALMS 78	ROMANS	7
7	PSA. 79, 80, 81	ROM.	8:1-18
8	PSA. 82, 83, 84	ROM.	8:19-39
9	PSA. 85, 86, 87	ROMANS	9
10	PSALMS 88, 89	ROMANS	10
11	PSA. 90, 91, 92	ROM.	11:1-21
12	PSA. 93, 94, 95	ROM.	11:22-36
13	PSA. 96, 97, 98	ROMANS	12
14	PSA. 99-102	ROMANS	13
15	PSA. 103, 104	ROMANS	14
16	PSA. 105, 106	ROM.	15:1-20
17	PSA. 107, 108	ROM.	15:21-33
18	PSA. 109, 110, 111	ROMANS	16
19	PSA. 112-115	I COR.	1
20	PSA. 116-118	I COR.	2
21	PSA. 119:1-48	I COR.	3
22	PSA. 119:49-104	I COR.	4
23	PSA. 119:105-176	I COR.	5
24	PSA. 120-123	I COR.	6
25	PSA. 124-127	I COR.	7:1-24
26	PSA. 128-131	I COR.	7:25-40
27	PSA. 132-135	I COR.	8
28	PSA. 136-138	I COR.	9
29	PSA. 139-141	I COR.	10:1-13
30	PSA. 142-144	I COR.	10:14-33
31	PSA. 145-147	I COR.	11:1-15

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Phyllis Cannon and Roger Lee Wambold, June 15, Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Jan Dennison and Alex Bola, June 1, Grace Brethren Church, Worthington, Ohio.

Patty Nicodemus and Kenneth Deavor, April 27, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

Sylvia Fern Hill and Donald Ray Jentes, June 15, La Habra Brethren Church, La Habra, Calif.

June Paige Jamison and James D. Gess, May 18, Rosemont Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Linda Yoder and Dan Bailey, May 12, Grace Brethren Church, Pompano Beach, Fla.

Carol Lee Bird and Robert Eastman, June 2, Grace Brethren Church, San Bernardino, Calif.

Nearness Produces Faithfulness

Our Lord has given to us a very beautiful visual aid that we might understand what it means to "draw near" (Heb. 10:22). That visual aid is the Old Testament Tabernacle. The Tabernacle not only speaks of Christ as a person, but also of those of us who are in Him.

We, as believers, are a royal priesthood (I Peter 2:9) and as such are to assume the same privileges and duties as the Old Testament priests. Our privileges are greater, however, as we are permitted, yea, urged to draw near to the very presence of God at any time. The high priest could come but once a year.

When that Old Testament priest awoke and threw back the flap of his tent, he could tell that God dwelt among His people because he could see the pillar of cloud or of fire over the holy of holies. This did not mean that he was enjoying the presence of God. No, he had seven steps to take before that was a reality.

As he entered the door of the Tabernacle, he was immediately confronted by the brazen altar. Upon this altar the perfect animal, without spot or blemish, was sacrificed that sin might be covered. As we gaze upon that altar, we see the perfect Lamb of God, without spot or blemish, high and lifted up upon the altar of sacrifice, the cross, that our sins might not just be covered but might be forgiven completely. Our hearts rejoice, but then we hear the words, "Ye . . . are . . . an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (I Peter 2:5). We realize that we cannot leave this altar until we heed this command. But what sacrifices should *we* offer?

The New Testament priest (that means us, remember) is instructed to make three sacrifices. Three sacrifices—that's a perfect sacrifice then, isn't it? First, we're instructed in Romans 12:1: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice." This sacrifice means giving to Him our all. It's like drawing a circle on the floor, stepping inside of it, and saying to God, "Take everything in this circle." This sacrifice is probably the hardest one to make, because here we yield to Him our wills. No more does it matter what I want; my only question is, "What would He have me to do?" If only we would grasp the truth that we are crucified with Christ, this sacrifice would be easier.

Secondly, Hebrews 13:15 says: "Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." The sacrifice of praise is to be continual. Isn't it easy, when we leave our national WMC meetings each August, to be praising the Lord? We're thrilled about the messages, fellowship with the missionaries and one another, the reports, and the new and helpful ideas we've received for our local councils. Then we arrive back home at our place of service and try to put some of these ideas into practice. Immediately we hear, "That will never work here." "Don't expect *me* to do that." When the wind has been taken from our sails, is it easy then to praise Him? No, but the verse doesn't say that it will be easy; it says that it's to be a sacrifice, and a sacrifice costs us something. Our words are to be continually praising God.

Thirdly, Hebrews 11:16 instructs us: "But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." This sacrifice is our service . . . that which we *do* for Him. After all, why didn't God take us home the very instant we were born into His family? There's only one reason, and that is that He has a job for us to do. What's the job? "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). WMC is God's vehicle of this service for many of us. How our hearts thrill at national WMC meetings to find that through our prayers and offerings we have served Him not only in our own locales but also on seven of our foreign fields, in Grace College and Seminary, and through our Christian Education Department. With this service God is well pleased.

But let's not remain here at the altar of sacrifice but "draw nearer" to Him by approaching the laver. This is a basin made of brass looking glasses given by the women and filled with water. The priest looked into it, saw himself and the dirt which defiled him, and then washed before entering the holy place. This is a very beautiful picture of the Holy Spirit, who takes us to God's Word, where we see ourselves and our Saviour and are dissatisfied with the sin we see in our lives. By the washing of water by the Word He cleanses us of that sin. But we see something else here. Second Corinthians 3:18 says: "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory,

even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Remember Hawthorne's story of the Great Stone Face? A boy named Ernest lived in a valley surrounded by high mountains. On the side of one of the mountains a rock formation which resembled the face of a man became known as the Great Stone Face. It was said that someday one who was born in that valley would become a noble man with a face resembling the Great Stone Face. As Ernest grew, he spent hours and days gazing at the Great Stone Face and that of every native son who returned to the valley. He became an old man, disappointed that in his lifetime no one was found who resembled the image. Word came one day that a son, a poet, had returned. Ernest hastened to talk with him, but again he felt bitter disappointment. Suddenly the poet interrupted the conversation, and with one finger pointing at Ernest and another at the Great Stone Face he exclaimed, "Ernest is the image of the Great Stone Face!" He had gazed at that face for so long that now he was changed to its resemblance.

Oh, that we might stand at the laver, gazing at the Living Word until we are changed into the same image from glory to glory by the Holy Spirit and others will exclaim, "We can see Christ in her!"

God often speaks through a trinity, and we find that He does so in the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was comprised of three parts: the outer court, the holy place, and the holy of holies. The outer court held the brazen altar and the laver and was that part which everyone could see. Hence, it would speak to us of our bodies. It is the body which is cared for in the outer court. Also, the outer court would be typical of a kitchen in a three-room house. In my childhood home everyone was welcome in our kitchen, but only if you were a relative or a close friend were you invited into the living room for fellowship. It's the same here; everyone could see the outer court, but only the priests—the family—were permitted in the holy place for fellowship together.

Since we are of the family and have been cleansed at the laver, let us "draw nearer" into the holy place and stand at the table of shewbread, which is on our right as we enter. This table holds nothing but bread sprinkled with a little frankincense. There are no chairs around this table. If one is to eat, he is going to eat standing up. Here the priests ate daily.

The table speaks to us of the fellowship of the saints, that is, our church life. We're to be there, daily. Does this not remind us that we're not to miss a single service? The bread speaks to us of Christ, who said, "I am the living bread" (John 6:51). We are to feast upon Him and Him alone! The priests feasted upon the bread while standing; that is, they were prepared, even while feasting, for work and service. Our beloved Brethren Church should be just that, a place to worship together, feasting upon His Word that we might work for and serve Him.

We move to the left and stand before the only light in the Tabernacle, that of the candlestick. This candlestick has a central shaft from which come three branches on each side. The central shaft speaks to us of Christ, from whose side came the church. Since the church is made up of men and six is the number of man, we find six branches in all. The lights burn oil held in little bowls atop each shaft. This speaks to us of the fact that the only power the church has today is that of the Holy Spirit.

It speaks to us of something else, too. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12), and also, "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14). Think of it—we are the only light this dark world has! So the candlestick speaks to us of our witnessing. As the priests had fellowship in the holy place, we should combine our efforts as far as our witnessing is concerned. What does your heart do at our national WMC meetings when you hear the results of our combined efforts? Mine rejoiced last year as I heard that 900 souls were saved, 121 family altars were started, nearly 72,000 tracts were distributed. Add to that the fact that nearly $4,000 was given to home missions, foreign missions, and our Christian Education Department, and we have just cause to rejoice. But we must remember, amidst our rejoicing, that this witness in the Tabernacle was a daily routine. To whom did you witness today? To whom did you witness yesterday and the day before? As you let your light of testimony shine, you will be drawing nearer to the presence of God.

Now we stand at the altar of incense, immediately before the entrance to the very presence of God. This altar speaks to us of the One who ever lives to make intercession for us. It speaks to us of a prayer ministry, not only Christ's, but also ours. "Let my prayer be set before thee as incense," David

By Mrs. Gerald Towner



It's like entering your bedroom after a busy day and sighing, "Alone at last!"

says in Psalm 141:2. If we are to draw nearer to the very presence of God, we must have a daily intercessory prayer habit. This altar was in the room where the priests had fellowship together. How many of us in WMC draw near to God by praying together on the fifteenth day of the month, our national Day of Prayer? Far, far too few!

One cannot stand here without becoming saturated with the odor of incense. Can those you meet tell that you have been with Christ by the fragrance of your life? Does it fill the house as did the fragrance of the ointment with which Mary anointed the Lord? Prayer is the sweetest thing we can offer to God, more acceptable even than our service.

Now we may enter into the very presence of God. But it is true now, as in the Tabernacle, that we can only enter into His presence alone. In our three-room house this would be likened to the bedroom. How many young parents, after having cared for children and the duties of life all day, sigh as they enter the bedroom, "Alone at last!" Then come the precious moments when the wife tells the husband of her love and he tells her of his, when they plan and dream of their future together, and for the moment it is enough just to be in each other's presence. These are moments far too precious even to discuss with others, but people whom we meet can tell by our radiance if everything is all right in our husband-wife relationship. The time spent in the presence of God is something like that, often far too intimate to be expressed to others. However, people can tell by our radiance and joy that we have spent time alone with Him. The Tabernacle high priest could enter behind the vail only once a year on the Day of Atonement, but it is our privilege to enter into His presence at any time since the vail was rent from the top to the bottom as our precious Lord hung on Calvary.

There's a story of an elderly man who had lived in the valley amidst mountains all his life. Never had he left the valley. One day men came into the valley, and before long a road had been built to the top of the highest mountain. Still, the man stayed on. Finally, one day a young man encouraged him to travel that road that he might see the view from the top, even offering his assistance for the trip. The man consented.

It was a weary, uphill climb, and many times the elderly man almost gave up. Finally he reached the top. As he looked at the breath-taking, panoramic view, with tears streaming down his cheeks he was heard to exclaim, "To think that it's been so close to me all the time and I almost missed it!"

The presence of God is here, close to us. Let's not miss it, but draw near daily as did the priest in the Tabernacle. Our drawing nearer will produce faithfulness. ▼

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

Africa—

Miss Rosella Cochran September 1
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Ruth Snyder September 8
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Donald G. Hocking September 11
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Deborah Ruth Johnson September 14, 1962
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. George E. Cone September 23
B. P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Gilbert Aellig September 25
B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic

Richard Paul Kennedy September 30, 1959
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Nancy Lynn McDairmant September 30, 1959
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Argentina—

Marilyn Anne Austin September 5, 1960
O'Higgins 3168, Buenos Aires 29, Argentina, S.A.

Miss Bertha Abel September 12
Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.

Mark Steven Schrock September 12, 1953
Casilla de Correo 530, Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.

Rev. Lynn D. Schrock September 23
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Brazil—

Mrs. Edward D. Miller September 18
Caixa Postal 368, Belem, Para, Brazil

France—

Becky Jean Julien September 28, 1956
Chateau de St. Albain, 71 - Fleurville, France

Mexico—

Mrs. Walter E. Haag September 11
425 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073

Sandra Rebecca Haag September 16, 1952
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In the United States—

Mrs. Loree Sickel September 10
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Showers of Blessing From East District



At right: New East District WMC officers for 1968-69.

The East District WMC held its spring rally at Conemaugh, Pennsylvania, with ninety-seven ladies present. Mrs. Harold Dunning was guest speaker. In the afternoon session a panel discussion featured missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Harold Dunning, Lois Ringler, and Gail Jones, as well as Mrs. Scott Weaver and Dr. Russell Barnard. Each answered the question, "Why are you a missionary?" The consensus seemed to be that each one was willing to do God's will, being completely surrendered to His leading. The new officers were installed, with Mrs. Homer Lingenfelter leading the installation. The group was thankful for the presence of Mrs. Fred Walters, pastor's wife from Kittanning, Pennsylvania. About a year ago she had a severe auto accident, but God is faithful and has wonderfully healed her. The WMC ladies have enjoyed the Bible studies she wrote for the WMC program this year.

The district conference was held April 18 to 20 at the Riverside church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. On the nineteenth they had election and business. The next day they enjoyed an excellent program planned and led by the program chairman, Mrs. Linda Donelson. Mrs. Robert Crees gave a thrilling testimony of God's leading through the years from one church to another, with memories of outstanding people from each church who were saved under their ministry. Mrs. Homer Lingenfelter also thrilled the ladies with her testimony of God's leading her out of the Catholic faith through her study of Scripture; she memorized many Bible verses before her conversion. Rev. Lester Pifer showed slides of the Jeep, "Rover," that the East District ladies purchased for the Dryhill, Kentucky, mission. The group completed its projects, also giving $500 for medical supplies for the dispensary at Yaloke, Central African Republic.

All in all, it was a time of inspiration and challenge to each one. ▼

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Mail Gleanings From North Atlantic

The Northern Atlantic District just finished another conference filled with blessings. It was held at Pinebrook again this year, and the speaker for the WMC sessions was Mrs. Polly Jackson, from Columbus, Ohio. The ladies also enjoyed the music of the Csey Musical Messengers. They're looking forward to another year of blessings as they draw nearer to the Lord. ▼



New officers for the coming year. Left to right: Mrs. Emma Fretz, secretary; Mrs. Helen Davidson, second vice-president; Mrs. Arlene Ober, treasurer; Mrs. Joyce Griffith, first vice-president; Mrs. George Wilhelm, assistant secretary; Mrs. Kenneth Wilt, prayer chairman; and Mrs. Earle Peer, president.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

CRAGHEAD, James Thomas, Jr., Gunner's Mate 3rd Class, 21, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va. He died February 4, in the Third Surgical Hospital, Dong Tom, South Vietnam, as the result of a wound suffered while on duty with the US Navy on a river patrol boat. His parents have received a number of letters from his superior officers in the Navy indicating his exceptional caliber in character and conduct, and from several of his close military friends recounting his strong Christian testimony to them. His many naval friends have already collected the $100 necessary to place a chair in his memory in the new stadium at Annapolis, Md. Full military honors were accorded at the burial. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

DELOE, Jesse B., 62, a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, D. C., went to be with the Lord on April 22. He served for 11 years as the linotype operator for the *Brethren Missionary Herald,* and was active in national laymen's activities. Survivors in addition to his widow include two daughters, Mrs. Doris Hoyt and Mrs. Margaret Mayer; and two sons, Jesse, Jr., pastor of the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio; and Robert, employed by Christian Service Brigade. James Dixon, pastor.

DAVISSON, Mrs. Clara, 79, a faithful participant in the La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif., died on February 24. J. Paul Miller, pastor.

DRAYER, Mrs. Helen, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. She was a faithful member for 48 years. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

KNOEPFLE, Mrs. Mabel, eldest member of the Calvary Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio, died May 28. Henry T. Barnhart, pastor.

COVER, Jesse, 72, a long-time resident of Modesto, Calif., and active in much Gospel outreach, passed away suddenly on April 22. J. Paul Miller, pastor.

SCHLAMP, Gary, North Long Beach Brethren Church, killed in action in Vietnam, May 5. He served in the US Marine Corps. Dr. George O. Peek, pastor.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL SMM GROUPS

When your Martha Goal No. 1 has been completed, send the SMM evaluation form by August 1 to Linda Edmiston so it can be compiled for reports at national conference and so girls may obtain their awards. (Refer to SMM Handbook, pages 29 and 64.)

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God's Riches



By Mrs. Robert Miller

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the words "treasure chest"? Is it secrets? Or beautiful jewels? Or lots of money?

Have you ever thought of knowledge or wisdom as being treasures? That perhaps a book could be a treasure? You haven't? Then I suppose it's a pretty good guess that you haven't thought of a *person* as being a treasure. After all, you can't wear or use or sell a person, so how can any individual be called a treasure?

A couple years ago when I was in Israel studying that small, young nation, I discovered that nearly all Israelis are archaeologists, although most of them are amateurs. Archaeologists are people who look into the "treasure chest" of past history by digging into the ground beneath many layers of civilizations. In this way the story of a nation's past is uncovered. In Israel even the little children kick the ground as they walk the roads and roam the fields. Anyone who finds a coin which may be of ancient Roman vintage, or a piece of pottery, or a shapely section of sculpture takes it to professional archaeologists to confirm its historical value.

Your family may have a personal treasure which you proudly show to friends. Perhaps it is a beautifully ornamented vase which has been in your family for many generations, or a teakwood chest which an uncle brought from India when he traveled around the world, or a rare piece of oriental jewelry, or old silver coins, or a hand-sewn quilt which your great-grandmother made many, many years ago. You "dig" these treasures because you understand where or how your family acquired them. But you can't understand what is meant when the Bible speaks of Jesus Christ as our "treasure."

Paul told the Colossian Christians that his great desire for them was that they might realize that in Christ, the unique (only one like Him) Son of God, are hidden "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Personal possession of treasures gives greater pleasure than knowing about treasures which other people possess. You may have a friend who knows and loves the Lord Jesus, but your friend's relationship with Him will not be *your* personal treasure. You must know Him yourself.

Christ is the "treasure chest" of all wisdom and knowledge, according to the Bible. Knowledge is the accumulation of a great body of facts. Wisdom is the ability to use and apply knowledge to the greatest and best advantage.

Education alone does not necessarily bestow wisdom. Nor does lack of formal education mean that one lacks wisdom. All who know and love and walk with the Lord, who is their treasure chest, are blessed with God's wisdom.

Is He your greatest treasure? ▼

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The story of an anonymous teacher

Christ Enters

I have never found it difficult to help children understand the basic concepts of Christ. Throughout four years of teaching experience I have been afforded countless opportunities to answer questions from young minds about my Lord.

A year with twenty-nine second-graders has now drawn to a close. Most of these children showed evidence of faith in Christ as their Saviour and Keeper. How can this be, in view of recent high court orders? Through the centuries, rulers as well as lay people have tried to suppress the Gospel, only to see it spring up more abundantly. Granted, we are exhorted to obey man's laws, but only as long as they do not come into opposition with God's laws.

One morning after an uncomplicated discussion I said, "If you would like to hear more about Jesus Christ and what He has done for you, ask me at recess."

Five boys came to my desk. I waited for them to speak. "Why did Jesus have to die for us?" was their question. For the next twenty-five minutes I illustrated, with stories and simple diagrams, God's method of reuniting us with Him.

I realized the danger of waiting, but knew they must understand and make their own decision. So I suggested they think about it and tell me the next day if they desired to ask Christ into their life. Four boys returned to ask more questions and to accept God's gift to them. Some weeks later the fifth boy came back.

One of the boys was John. A few days after our first discussion John came to me with some girls who wanted to know about Christ. Wondering if he had understood, I suggested he tell them what he had learned. With a smile he ran to his desk for a pencil. For a moment I wondered why. Of course, it was for the diagrams. John knew very well what he was talking about and was able to explain it to his friends. There has been evident growth in the lives of these girls.

Pam was one of the girls. The day after John had talked to them, Pam's older sister came to see me. Pam had told her family all she had heard. Irma, the sister, repeated it to me almost word for word. Pam, two sisters, and a friend now regularly attend Sunday school and church. Because of Pam's testimony her parents attend occasionally, and I am told they are showing more and more interest in things of the Lord.

On another occasion Belinda said, "Teacher, I want to know about that stuff." My thoughts were going in other directions. "What stuff?" "You know, Teacher, about Jesus dying on the cross." Here was another interested soul asking to take her first steps as a child of God.

We begin most mornings with a devotional story and prayer time. The children volunteer to pray, and someone different is chosen each day. They show definite concern for their loved ones and friends. They pray for dads, uncles, and brothers in Vietnam. They pray for sick friends and relatives. They pray for understanding in the many things they have to learn. They pray that others may come to know about Jesus.

One day we were discussing why we pray "in Jesus' name." John ended his lunch prayer with just "amen." "Amen?" I said. He bowed his head again and said, "I mean, in Jesus' name, amen." Then he looked up. "I hope that catches up with the prayer."

I have never had opposition for speaking out for my Lord while in the classroom. How can this be done? First, live your life as God commands. This, however, does not mean saying, "Look at me. I am good. Everyone should be like me." Second, seek out and buy up opportunities as the Lord gives them.

As a teacher you know many things about your students. Make it a point to know their spiritual backgrounds. You are able to find out much just by asking which church they attend.

Most classes will contain some Christians. Spend spare time discussing Christian concepts with these children. Others are bound to hear and become interested. Be sure to give opportunity for them to voice their ideas about what you are saying. If they are not thinking, your time is of little value.

When a child asks questions about spiritual matters, give him answers just as you would on any other subject. Make your answers uncomplicated but complete. If they bring Bible stories from home, read them, just as you would any other story. If someone suggests a Sunday-school song during music time, sing it just as you would any other requested song.

Realize that the Lord has given us a Gospel which is understandable by children. The fact that Someone loves them and has done some very special things for them certainly is not above their intellect. As much as you might wish to, however, do not push for a decision. The choice must be theirs and not yours.

As a teacher I enjoy seeing children mature mentally and socially. Far greater is the blessing of seeing a child give his life to Christ and begin on the road to spiritual maturity.

Which aspect of your students' lives is most important to you: mental, social, or spiritual? ▼



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WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—By a vote of six to three the highest court of the nation let stand a 1965 New York law requiring public school systems to lend textbooks to students in private and parochial schools.

This decision stated that the program benefits students and not parochial schools and thus does not constitute state support of religion.

Msgr. George A. Kelley, secretary for education in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, saw in the ruling the court's recognition "that private schools perform a valuable public service for the nation."

CHICAGO (EP)—Warner Sallman, famed for his paintings on religious subjects, died here at the age of 76.

He was most renowned for the "Head of Christ." Since it was painted in 1926, more than 100,000 copies of the work have been distributed.

LOS ANGELES (EP)—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the swarthy Jordanian who is believed to have killed Senator Kennedy, came to America eleven years ago at the age of twelve with his parents.

In his early teens he attended Sunday school and youth group meetings at the First Baptist Church in suburban Pasadena, California, where his family settled.

The Rev. Harry Eberts, minister of the Westminster Presbyterian Church where Mrs. Sirhan works in the nursery school and frequently attends services, told the Los Angeles *Times* that "this lady is a woman whose Christian faith is part of the center core of her being."

Mr. and Mrs. Sirhan and their four youngest children, including Sirhan, came to Pasadena in 1957 under the sponsorship of two members of the First Church of the Nazarene in the city. The two oldest sons came later under the sponsorship of the First Baptist Church.

The suspected assassin's Sunday-school teacher, Mrs. Annie Belle Presley, said the boy at thirteen was quiet and gave no trouble.

The sheriff of the village of Teibah, Jordan, where Sirhan's father now resides, said, "This young man would not and could not have done what you say he did without evil influence or big money."

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (EP)—A "tremendous increase" in mail from Muslims in North Africa has exceeded mail from Eastern Christians for the first time in the history of the Back to God Hour.

The Rev. Bassam Madany, director of the Arabic broadcast of the Christian Reformed Church's radio voice, said most of the mail comes from students. "During the past year," he said, "it has become evident that the . . . Arabic broadcast is an open door to reaching into areas otherwise closed to the proclamation of salvation by grace."

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—Gonorrhea is racing "out of control" in the United States, according to the director of the National Communicable Disease Center.

Dr. David J. Sencer, the director, told a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, "I would say it is out of control . . . there has been a 12 per cent increase in reported gonorrhea cases in each of the last few years. You can say it is increasing and increasing dangerously."

He said his agency has "adequate treatment for it," but added that "the problem is we cannot diagnose it in females as well as in males."

ELGIN, Ill. (EP)—Two four-color Bible picture books have been printed in Spanish by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas, with color illustrations and copy furnished by the David C. Cook Foundation here.

Ten thousand copies each of *Ninos del Antiguo Testamento* (Children of the Old Testament) and *Escenas de la Vida de Jesus* (Scenes from the Life of Jesus) have been readied for distribution throughout Latin America.

The David C. Cook Foundation is currently promoting high quality Christian publications in Spanish, a language spoken by 166,000,000 people.

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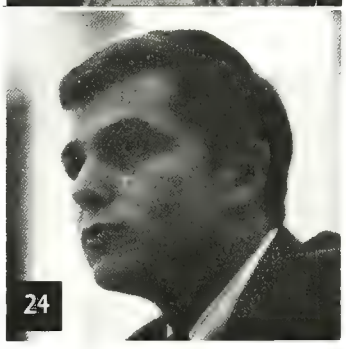
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Symbol of a Nation

A flag is a symbol of a nation. No matter where it flies, the U.S. flag stands for our country, its land, its people, its government, and its ideas. As we respect and honor our flag, we give evidence of the fact that we respect and honor our country. Some call such respect patriotism; others refer to it as love of country, having a public spirit, or manifesting nationality. Whatever the term, surely there is involved devotion, loyalty, reverence, affection, and gratitude. Such respect may be manifested by flying the flag at home, in our churches, and from public buildings and by pledging allegiance as we salute the flag.

In view of the fact of our great heritage as a nation, and of all that our nation is, it is encumbent upon us to show great respect for our flag, the symbol of our nation. Patriotism may not be a lost art in America, but it is surely coming in smaller installments! Too few homes and businesses fly the American flag. Too few of us seem to thrill to the fact that we are a part of the greatest nation on the face of the earth! Some have objected to flying the flag, saying this is "the worship of a textile fabric." Respect on the part of some has fallen to the degree that they have spit upon and even burned the American flag. Shame upon such! How tragic that such occurrences have necessitated Congress' passing a law making burning or other deliberate mutilation of the American flag a federal offense. Our people should rejoice in the greatness of our nation and the blessings it affords and, rather than desecrate our flag, should revere and respect it.



We of the Brethren Missionary Herald are concerned enough about this matter that we now fly our flag twenty-four hours a day. While Public Law 829, adopted by the 77th Congress, says, "It is the universal custom to display the Flag only from sunrise to sunset," it also states, "However, the Flag may be displayed at night upon special occasions when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect." If there ever was a time when we should be desirous of producing a patriotic effect, it is now. Our youth are dying in Vietnam under our country's flag; they know no eight-hour day in their patriotism, and why should we? Or recall the occasion of the writing of our national anthem by Francis Scott Key where he wrote: "And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof *through the night* that our flag was still there."

It seems logical to assume that passersby, seeing the flag waving over business houses in the breeze at midnight in a spotlight, would be caused to reflect that patriotism is still alive and that it is not just a daytime devotion. And we hope it will encourage our young people in service by knowing that we are thinking of them twenty-four hours per day.

We are encouraged in our flying the flag twenty-four hours a day by two U.S. cities—Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Hatboro, Pennsylvania. The *Fort Dodge Messenger,* the American Legion (at Veterans Park), the city hall and federal buildings, and other Fort Dodge business houses no longer take their flags in at sundown, reminding us that patriotism has a twenty-four-hour day. Aiming for the title, "The little town that always flies the Flag," Hatboro, Pennsylvania, unfurled Old Glory on July 1 and hopes to keep it waving around the clock throughout the year. Their flags will be well lighted and properly displayed. Doubtless, flags flown from residences will still be taken in at night, but business houses are going on a twenty-four-hour day.

Much ado about nothing? No. There is absolutely too little respect for our nation, its leaders, and the principles upon which the country was founded. We owe a loyalty to our nation and its leaders. We need revival of true patriotism and national loyalty. And we can turn to the Bible for authority. Jesus said (Matt. 22:21): "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." The Apostle Paul reminds us of our duty (Rom. 13:7): "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour." And the Apostle Peter clearly enunciates it (I Peter 2:13): "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake." This is an individual matter. But if each of us will become concerned personally, our influence can spread nationwide! ▼



It seemed but a dream, and so far away. But the people worked and prayed, and now our dream has become a reality. Home-mission congregations are always faced with a mammoth task—that of providing a building adequate for a growing congregation in the face of the ever-inflating prices. Step by step the Kent, Washington, congregation has faced this problem and with God's help has overcome it.

The Lord undertook in that the very first site which the congregation chose was purchased at a fair market price. There were many uncertainties and the need for considerable effort to make this a reality. The fact that this was an estate with three adult heirs, all of whom lived in different states, complicated it. We were very fortunate that we bought just at the beginning of the main building boom of the community. Today the same plot would cost at least twice the $11,500 we paid for it. This amount was paid in thirty-three months, and during the same time most of our architectural fees were paid. The Brethren Home Missions Council, the Northwest District Mission Board, and Brethren Minute-Men all had an important part in making this possible, as well as an enthusiastic congregation which never

A Dream Come True



By Phillip J. Simmons

permitted a Sunday to pass without taking another bite into this indebtedness on the building site. Praise God for dedicated people!

It was good, very good, to have these items paid in time to break ground on April 2, 1967, debt free.

Mr. Lester Keyser, who has spent over twenty years building Brethren churches, moved here from Norwalk, California, to head up our building program. Construction began on a building which is ninety feet in length and which varies in width from forty-two to fifty-eight feet. The church has two complete floors and covers over 8,300 square feet. By using volunteer labor under the direction of Mr. Keyser, the building was in construction for about twelve months and was completed within our budget of $50,000, at slightly over $6 per square foot. It was necessary to use an additional $5,000 for furnishings, landscaping, curbing, and parking. The Lord gave us some very fine savings in materials and some wonderful gifts of materials and furnishings, including an organ from one of the church families. These figures do not include the price of pews, which seat 240 people, and the pulpit furnishings, which were purchased with cash given during the construction period. We are grateful for a building which the insurance company valued at over $100,000.

I found it a real joy to work with an able five-man building committee consisting of Ivan Barlow, chairman; Harold Hewitt, secretary; Ted Lukkes, treasurer; Clair Floyd; and Larry Story. All this could never have been possible without them. Many, many hours of volunteer labor were donated by members and friends of the congregation. It would be impossible to give proper recognition to all who shared in such a cooperative endeavor.

As the time drew near to occupy the building, both the pastor and people, including those of the neighborhood, became more eager. We waited four years and four months from the date of organization to the date of dedication. These were not idle years. Our years of planning and anticipation were years of blessings. During this time we have seen the Edwin Johnson family, who were charter members, go out as our first missionary family, and the church is providing $1,300 of their annual support.

Six of our young people have entered Grace College; two of these have graduated, and one is a middler in Grace Seminary. Our membership is five times the charter membership, and one-fifth of these have become members since we dedicated our new building. The Lord has blessed with some fine conversions and some wonderful families. We have been able to break

into the immediate community and receive a very friendly and favorable response. New homes and new families are rapidly surrounding the church, and some of them are turning to us for a church home.

New industry has come in so rapidly one cannot keep abreast with it. New apartment houses and new homes go up weekly. Schools are built annually, and some still have double sessions. In some cases they have averaged a new class of pupils every month. We are only ten miles from the Sea-Tac International Airport and twenty miles south of the center of Seattle. Among the new industries Kent has received in the last four years have been the Boeing Aerospace Center employing over 5,000 men, Western Electric employing over 600, Heath Tecna Corporation with a phenomenal growth, and everything from two steel fabricating mills to those which make plastic bags. We are a small city with the growing pains of a large one, and are very definitely a part of the entire Greater Seattle area.

There is nothing quite like taking things in a double portion. Our Entrance Sunday and Dedication Day were one and the same! Almost everyone in the congregation worked a part of the time or all day the Saturday before we entered the building. A mammoth amount of finishing and cleaning had to be done. Everybody helped, including the boys and girls. Even the Brethren Home Missions secretary, Lester Pifer, had a part. He spoke twice on Dedication Sunday and was greatly appreciated. We enjoyed a fine spirit, good attendances, wonderful messages, decisions for Christ, a good offering, and many local and district visitors.

The Kent congregation is a grateful congregation. We first address our thanks to our Lord, then to our mission boards, and finally to all of you who have prayed and given to make the Grace Brethren Church of Kent a reality. We look forward to the time in the not-too-distant future when we can take our place with the established churches of the nation which help make other mission endeavors a reality—other dreams come true. ▼



Pastor Phillip Simmons

Lester Keyser



From vacant lot to Sunday-school classes . . .





HOME MISSION FIELD REPORTS

FREMONT, OHIO. The Fremont, Ohio, Brethren Chapel is being closed temporarily until such time as qualified personnel are raised up or there is a more definite response from the Negro community to support a Brethren church in their midst. This is presented as a prayer request. Mr. Robert Dungy, a student pastor, has resigned. He will continue in his educational program at Grace College and Seminary.

LEXINGTON, OHIO (Don Sellers, Brethren Construction Crew). My trailer arrived here Friday, June 7, and by 12:30 a.m. we were located, hooked up, and ready to begin our stay for the Lexington project. The following week Mrs. Sellers and Mrs. Shackleton helped in the V.B.S. Mr. and Mrs. Cary Engle and family will join us here after finishing up a few more details at New Holland, Pennsylvania. Pray for good progress on this project so we will be able to get a good start on the next building before winter.

KENT, WASH. (Phillip J. Simmons, pastor). It seems my responsibilities multiply. Last week I worked four days with Mr. Keyser in completing our building. Tonight (June 16) I baptized twelve and received them into membership. It was a joy to see a father step out and make a decision for Christ on Father's Day. Tomorrow we begin our first Vacation Bible School in our new building. Also, tomorrow is our district ministerial meeting, with an examining board meeting and a meeting of the district Sunday School Committee. Then follows camp.

BARBERTON, OHIO. Rev. Kenneth Cosgrove began his ministry here on June 1, 1968. At the same time Rev. Irvin Miller, the former pastor, began his ministry at Englewood, Ohio. Mr. Cosgrove has been the assistant pastor at the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, since his graduation from Grace Seminary.

CORPORATION MEETINGS

The 1968 annual corporation meetings of The Brethren Home Missions Council, Incorporated, and the Brethren Investment Foundation, Incorporated, will be held at the Winona Lake Christian Assembly Auditorium, Winona Lake, Indiana, on Wednesday, August 14, 1968, at 10 a.m.

TAOS, N. MEX. (Robert Salazar, pastor). Events have moved so rapidly we are not completely oriented yet. We accepted the call to the Canon Brethren Church, and the Albuquerque church released us immediately because they felt the need for a pastor was greater at Taos. We have been ministering here since June 1 and have just moved to Taos this past week (June 17 letter). With the help of men from both Albuquerque and Taos, we were able to make the move with a Hertz van. The folks at Taos have been very kind to us and have responded to every need for help.



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When you put your Brethren Investment Foundation passbook into the mail, do you ever wonder what they do with it when it reaches Winona Lake?

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You see, when you deposit your money in the Brethren Investment Foundation, it has just begun to work for you. While your money is being used to help build new Brethren churches, you are receiving dividends on your investments.

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Record-breaking Dedication Day attendance.

At New Holland, Pennsylvania . . .

Twenty Miraculous Months

By Richard McCarthy

Twenty miraculous months! No other words could be used to describe a branch of the Lancaster Grace Brethren Church that was planted in New Holland, Pennsylvania! This branch took root in September, 1966, and dedicated a beautiful new building on May 26, 1968, with over 450 in attendance for the special dedication service. For Sunday school on the same day 139 were recorded, and 170 registered for the morning worship service.

Preparation for these miraculous months began with a vision of a dedicated pastor, William Tweeddale, of the Lancaster Grace Brethren Church. Added to this vision was a burden to see more Brethren churches in the Lancaster area. God had already blessed the Lancaster work for helping to start two other successful branches, Manheim and Elizabethtown. There followed many months of prayer for the right area and a man to lead the new work.

God directed by placing a burden for New Holland on the prayer warriors. A number of the Lancaster Brethren lived in this area, and the

Lancaster church was willing to give up approximately sixty people to start New Holland. On the first meeting in September, 1966, about twenty visitors joined these Lancaster Brethren in Liberty Fire Hall.

The number one miracle was the securing of a pastor at a time when there seemingly were not enough pastors to go around. But God answered prayer. I was contacted, and God had already laid this field upon my heart and showed me this was my field.

The Lord gave us a group of fine people and excellent leadership for a new work. Many of the people had experienced what God can do with a small group, and immediately there was a vision for a church building. But a location is needed for a building, and the search began. It soon ended with a beautiful location adjoining the community park available for $10,500.

A new group buying property after four months! Yes, and just six months later we needed $10,500. But God again did it! On the July 1 date for settlement the property was paid for, debt free. During this time the Brethren Architectural Service had been contacted on plans and an application made for the Brethren Construction Crew.

September, 1967, our first anniversary, was celebrated by a groundbreaking service. By this time the plans were completed and it just happened—no, it didn't just happen—God had the Brethren Construction Crew ready to move in to start building.

In church building the matter of financing is no small item—except when God is in it. The local bank wanted to loan the money, almost unheard of in these days. Not only this, but the interest would be less than through the Brethren Investment Foundation—unbelievable almost, but another of the miracles of the twenty months.

Please don't stop here, Brethren! The building was just started, but we were able to convey to the Brethren Home Missions Council this news: "Because of the way the Lord has blessed His work here at New Holland, it is with great joy we announce at this time that we are officially going self-supporting!" This communication was dated October 3, 1967, exactly one month after breaking ground. We were actually self-supporting from the beginning, but this was without building payments and the added expense of our own building.

And now the building is finished and was dedicated to God on May 26, 1968. It contains over 6,800 square feet and will seat 220 on cushion-ease pews. The entire church is carpeted and air-conditioned. We think it is a lovely building, and we give our lovely Lord all the praise for it.

Our dedication speaker, Rev. Nathan Meyer, remained with us through Friday for a prophetic Bible conference. These meetings averaged 222 in attendance, with decisions for rededication to Christ and for church membership. Our regular Sunday-school and church attendances run from 110 to 120.

In the words of the Psalmist (Ps. 92:5): "O Lord, how great are thy works!" The Grace Brethren Church of New Holland would like to echo that praise to our Lord. I have only highlighted the miracles here. I have seen enough to write a small book.

We express for the church our gratitude to the Grace Brethren Church of Lancaster, the North Atlantic District, and the Brethren Home Missions Council and its affiliates, the Brethren Architectural Service and the Brethren Construction Crew, for their part in the exciting story of New Holland. Please pray that continued miracles may be seen in lives through the ministry of this church. ▼

Rev. Nathan Meyer bringing the Dedication Day address.



. . . A beautiful church . . .



. . . and a full parking lot.







This Is

By Bruce Button

Jerry (perhaps you know her as Leanore) is my wife. In order to hold that "office" she has had to put up with a great deal of the unusual. Perhaps that is what makes her an ideal person for the work of an evangelist to the Jewish people. Jewish missions always present the unusual. And while the unusual makes life interesting, it can also make life difficult. But the unusual is seldom dull.

Jerry is the "chief cook and bottle washer" of the Brethren Messianic Testimony. When people come to the mission (and this is on an average of four times a week), you will find Jerry preparing meals and refreshments. Many times they must please the Jewish taste, and this is especially true at holiday time. This has caused her to learn a whole new mode of cooking food. And there is a seemingly endless stream of dishes to be washed and stacked.

Jerry is also the "downstairs maid" (the mission is all on one floor). She has a family to clean up after. And in an eight-room house that has two baths, this becomes a real job in itself. We further complicate that job by bringing four groups of people into the mission each week, which means that at least six of these rooms and one of the baths must be worked on four additional times. (In March of this year we had 275 people in the mission.) Each group means that the meeting rooms must be arranged with chairs, Bibles, and hymn books, together with those final touches which smooth up the meeting. Yes, the downstairs maid has quite a job to do.

Jerry is the official hostess of our mission. When we pull up to the mission with a bus load of people, Jerry is at the door ready to welcome each individual into the home. She has that unusual quality of making people feel "at home." As hostess she makes sure all feel welcome and are comfortably seated.

Jerry is a missionary. Although she is busy about the mission, she still finds time to do house-to-house calling. She often accompanies me in the afternoon as I call in Jewish homes. She is able herself to point Jewish peo-





Jerry!

ple to Jesus, the Messiah, through the use of God's Word. Many times our Jewish friends seek counsel from Jerry about circumstances which they will confide to no other. Jerry has learned to be a good listener, and she speaks only after much prayerful consideration.

Jerry is a student and an author. She is well informed in the Word. She is also well informed in Egyptology. In the evening hours when others are watching television, Jerry is at her desk involved in research and writing. She has had about forty articles and stories accepted and published so far. The publications range from travel magazines to religious publications.

Jerry is also an animal lover. Our home has had an endless stream of creatures. Among these have been cats, dogs, snakes, horned toads, lizards, turtles, goldfish, hampsters, and other finny and furry beings too numerous to mention. At the present time Jerry is entranced with Sniffy, her pet raccoon. The little beast worships her. Sniffy showers *me* with nips, scratches and bites. Still, even that is not so bad when you consider that to me . . .

Jerry is my wife! She is my shoulder to cry on when things go wrong; the laughter of my rejoicing; the stabilizer of my unsteadiness; the exchequer of my checking account; the counsel for my cantankerousness; the prayer warrior of my devotions; my sternest critic; my interested audience; a children's mother; and the person who puts up with me.

And Jerry loves the Lord Jesus Christ. This is what makes all these other duties possible. She was saved in the First Brethren Church in Kittanning, Pennsylvania. Her first Christian effort consisted of introducing me to her Lord. And since that time her efforts for her Lord have always resulted in blessings for me.

So this is Jerry: chief cook and bottle washer, downstairs maid, hostess, missionary, student and author, animal lover, wife, mother, faithful witness. Yes, this is Jerry, and you have an invitation to come and visit with her when you can.

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Church News

WESTMINSTER, CALIF. The Southern California-Arizona District of Brethren Churches held its 58th annual conference in Long Beach, Calif. On the second night the pastors and Sunday-school superintendents of the five leading Sunday schools in the district were called to the platform. Out of the five, the Westminster Brethren Sunday School was named the most outstanding of 1968. A beautiful banner was presented, and also a first place gift of a much needed projector. The awards were presented to Westminster representatives Mr. Neil Peek, superintendent, and Rev. Douglas E. Bray, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Don Ringler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ringler and member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, won a trip to the United Nations, and was selected as one of three high school students to address the UN General Assembly. He spoke for 20 minutes and his speech was simultaneously translated into five languages. Charles Ashman, pastor.

CHANGES. The new address of Rev. Evan Adams is 6 W. Longden Ave., Arcadia, Calif. 91006. Rev. Thomas D. McClellan, Seal Beach Brethren Church, Eighth St. and Central Ave., Seal Beach, Calif. 90740. Rev. William Powell, Box 45, Browning, Montana 59417. Rev. John R. Terrell, 614 Patterson Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45419. Rev. Russell H. Weber, R. 1, Box 177A, Hardy, Va. 24101. Please change *Annual.*

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Mrs. Edna Abodeely, of the Los Altos Brethren Church, is using her talent as a top-notch seamstress by making a set of seven missionary flags available to churches. The set of beautiful flags is presently selling for $165 plus postage. Any interested churches or individuals should send their request to Mrs. Abodeely, 6709 Stearns St., Long Beach, Calif. 90815. Harold Penrose, pastor.

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Grace Brethren Church broke all previous Vacation Bible School records with a five-day average attendance of 236, and the graduation program was attended by 286. The week resulted in 21 decisions to accept Christ as Saviour, James G. Dixon, pastor.

LAST CALL FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE!

Plan now to enjoy fellowship, inspiration, and recreation with Brethren from across the nation and around the world at national conference, August 11-18. The blessings will be manifold as you attend the Christian Education Convention August 11-12, and then the rest of the conference. Come early and attend the day of prayer scheduled for Saturday, August 10, and the fellowship hour in the evening. Dr. Russell D. Barnard will be in charge of the prayer sessions, and you are encouraged to send your requests to him at 1403 Sunday Lane, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Pack your suitcase and head for Winona Lake, Indiana, next month!

WINONA LAKE, IND. At a specially called business meeting of the Board of Trustees of Grace Theological Seminary on July 9, 1968, an action was taken to enter into preliminary negotiation with the Winona Lake Christian Assembly to utilize the facilities and resources of the Winona Lake Bible Conference grounds on a year around basis, enabling Grace Schools to handle a larger student body.

Another meeting of the Board of Trustees of Grace Schools will be held in Winona Lake on August 10, at which time further consideration will be given to the matter. The Winona Lake Christian Assembly board has the matter under advisement and will take final action on August 23.

WHEATON, ILL. Mr. Richard Kriegbaum, instructor in French at Wheaton College, has accepted a call from the Grace Brethren Church to be the moderator and to assume pastoral responsibilities as of July 8. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Arnold R. Kriegbaum.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Mansfield Christian School won its invitational junior high school track and field meet, edging neighboring Celeryville, Ohio, by a score of 59 to 58½. Lansing, Mich., placed third, and other schools represented were from Cleveland, Akron, and Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Indianapolis and Fort Wayne from Indiana. Twelve records were broken, and another meet record was tied. Mansfield has won the title of the four-year-old meet each year. More than 120 athletes participated.



PHILADELPHIA, PA. The Third Brethren Church held a "Senior Citizen's Sunday" on June 9 to honor members of the church in the "70 Year Club." Bouquets were presented to two ladies who were charter members of the church in 1913, and also to the oldest person present. The club was organized 12 years ago and attempts to provide activities and correspondence for those in the church who cannot be as active as they once were. The 12 pictured above are the club members who were present for the special service. There are 50 members on the roll. Lee H. Dice, pastor.



JOHNSON CITY, TENN. Larry Campbell of the Grace Brethren Church recently won first place in the Chicago Young Artist Competition sponsored by the Society of American Musicians. He was chosen out of 18 pianists, and his award will be a debut recital in Chicago next spring. Previously Larry has won first place in the piano solo contest at National Brethren Youth Conference, and was a member of the Southeast District national championship quiz team in 1966. Larry is now a junior at Northwestern University where he studies piano. K. E. Richardson, pastor.

HARRAH, WASH. With new pews being installed in the Union Church of Harrah, the old ones were to be given to the local fire house meeting room. However, an older member recalled that years ago, the Harrah Brethren Church had loaned them several dozen benches until they could purchase some. It was thought best to see if the Brethren church wanted them back, and although there was no need in the church, the benches were just in time to be used at the district Brethren Camp Clear Lake in the new chapel. Charles H. Winter, pastor.

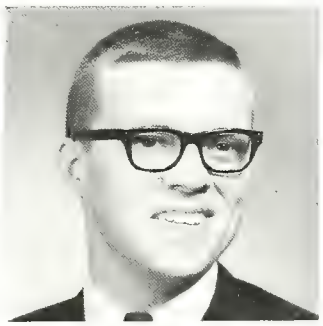
TROTWOOD, OHIO. Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald,* was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church. He presented the work of the Herald Company, and also showed slides and played a tape recording some of the highlights of his trip to Vietnam and the Near East. Charles Lawson, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. John Zielasko, foreign secretary of Brethren Foreign missions, has released the following announcement: Due to health problems of their children, Rev. and Mrs. James Dickson have found it necessary to terminate their ministry in Puerto Rico. They will appreciate your prayers on their behalf.

WESTMINSTER, CALIF. "Battle of the B's" was the theme of the April Sunday-school contest between the Westminster Brethren Church and a Baptist church of Buffalo, New York. Westminster won the contest with an average attendance of 562 for an increase of 77.8 per cent over the January-February period of this year. Prizes were awarded to those who brought the most visitors during the contest. Mr. and Mrs. Don Clifford won first place by being responsible for 240 visitors during the month. Other winners were Dean Gross, Jan Peek, Jayne Magers, and Anna Avelino. Douglas E. Bray, pastor.

CAMDEN, OHIO. Rev. Wendell England has tendered his resignation to the First Brethren Church to become effective on Sept. 1, 1968. Rev. and Mrs. England will be moving to Phoenix, Ariz., where they will begin service to the Phoenix Friends Church in answer to a unanimous call.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Pastor Jerry Young spent two weeks as chaplain of his reserve unit, 4th Bde (CST), 70th Div. (TNG) at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., June 29 through July 13. Special speakers in his absence were Rev. John Zielasko, and Dr. Floyd Taber.



INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Mr. John Ruel III, member of the Grace Brethren Church, was graduated from Purdue University in the upper ten per cent of his class with honors. He received one of twenty Harvard prize awards in math and science which provide a $5,100 fellowship at Harvard University for one summer session and one academic year of study. A $5,400 salary is also provided for one year of internship experience in a school or educational agency. Award recipients are admitted to the master of arts teaching program. Jerry Young, pastor.

BARSTOW, CALIF. Rev. Robert L. Bates is interested in contacting any Brethren in the Barstow area in order to form a Bible class. You may contact him by writing to him at 37123 Tripoli, Barstow, Calif. 92310.

KITTANNING, PA. A total of 263 were present for the closing program of the First Brethren Vacation Bible School, June 16. The missionary project for this year was an offering to apply toward the outfit needs of the Tim Farners as they go to Brazil. The week resulted in $120 for this project. Mrs. Betty Marshall was director of the school, and Mrs. Vera Miller was her assistant. W. Wayne Baker, pastor.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. The senior banquet was a great success as 72 attended the turkey dinner, and 45 stayed for the breakfast on the beach. Don Zeltwanger and Phyllis Wentz were crowned king and queen of the banquet. Jack Peters, Sr., pastor.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

REED, Rev. Earl, 76, was called home to his eternal reward on January 24, 1968. For his last year on earth he made his home in Sunnyside, Wash., which was always home to him since he served as pastor of the First Brethren Church in that city for more than eleven years. During that time he taught Bible classes throughout the valley and many local citizens attended his local Bible study groups in cooperation with the evangelical churches in the city. His ministry of Bible teaching endeared him to many. Of particular interest to him was the study of the Tabernacle. Using a large model, he lectured throughout the Northwest.

Rev. Reed was born in Iowa and moved to Sunnyside in his late teens. He became a part of the church along with many others such as Loree Sickel, Mary Miller, Ruth Ashman, and Alva J. McClain, whose names are well-known to Brethren, as a result of meetings held by the late Dr. Louis S. Bauman. The Clear Lake Brethren Camp in the Cascade Mountains was begun almost alone by Earl Reed. A fitting chapel high on the hill now stands as part of the camp ground erected in his memory. Submitted by John W. Mayes.



Photos by Jim Bikar

His Congreg

By Catherine Rorick

"The last two years have been the happiest of my life."

These are the words of a thirty-year-old man who is serving a sentence for double murder in the Marion (Ohio) Correctional Institution. His case will not go before the parole board until 1979.

The reason for his happiness, he says, is that he has become a Christian.

No better compensation than a statement like this could be received by the man who is chaplain at the institution, the man who counsels and strives to change the hearts of the men.

There are 1,200 there now—some lifers, and other men who have committed major crimes.

Ever since this medium security institution was established twelve years ago, the Rev. Ralph E. Wiley, of Galion, Ohio, has been the chaplain. He is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Galion, where he is serving as vice-moderator.

To see the men continue their interest in the church and Christian living as they make the adjustment to life after leaving prison is most gratifying to the chaplain.

One example of this is related by Mr. Wiley.

"There was a man who had a terrible record . . . there was just no crime he wouldn't commit.

"He was in for armed robbery. He was addicted to pills and drinking."

His conversion came at the death of President Kennedy. The man was so broken up, he seemed not to know where to turn. Then he remembered a Scripture verse he had learned as a boy. He wanted to find it in the Bible but didn't know where it was. He started looking. In reading the Bible, he became inspired to read more and more. Then came his conversion.

After his parole, the handsome

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young man became reconciled with his wife and children. Then he started to preach. He has made appearances in county jails, in churches, and before many groups and organizations. He has continued to be engaged in Christian work.

Because of men like this, Mr. Wiley says he loves his work.

"I wouldn't want to be doing anything else. I am fortunate to be in an institution where I have a free hand and can run a strong religious program," he says.

His main work, that at which he spends the most time, is counseling. Every new non-Catholic prisoner is interviewed by Mr. Wiley and challenged for a Christian experience.

Mr. Wiley also conducts a therapy class. Its purpose is to help the men think through their own problems.

Every Sunday, services are conducted in a beautiful chapel at the institution, from 8 to 9 a.m. Attendance, which is voluntary on the part of the inmates, is good, he says.

Some of these prisoners who are members of the Sunday school and Bible classes have formed a group to sponsor a Korean orphan.

The $10 a month they pay toward this by individual donations of a nickel, a dime, and sometimes a quarter is a real sacrifice. They only make four cents an hour for work they do in the



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institution. Two cents of this is all they allow for themselves, because the other two cents is placed in their going-home fund.

In addition to counseling, preaching, teaching, and holding therapy classes, Mr. Wiley arranges for winter evangelistic services, religious films, and the appearance of outside speakers.

Possessing a warm personality, this forty-seven-year-old chaplain whose boyish smile and crew haircut make him seem ten years younger radiates the Christian philosophy he advocates.

He was the Marion Jaycee choice, at age thirty-five, for "Man of the Year" to receive the Distinguished Service Award. He has many speaking engagements before students, service clubs, father-son banquets, and other events all over the state.

Mr. Wiley sees the importance of trying to reach children and youth to direct their paths. He believes some men would never have become inmates of a penal institution had they been given different training in their early years. This motivates him to undertake activities in the hours that would normally be leisure ones for him. One of these is leading the Ambassadors' Club.

Boys and girls from the seventh grade up belong to this club, which meets every Friday night in his home. They have craft work for about an hour and a half; then they work on projects for a missionary. Mr. Wiley gives a flannelgraph Bible lesson. The evening is concluded with singing and refreshments.

Last summer, twenty-three members of the club went on a week's camping and fishing trip into the primitive territory of Ontario, Canada. They returned by way of Niagara Falls. It was the first time for many of the youngsters to be away from home. Four college-age students went along. Daily class sessions and devotional periods were held along with the fishing.

Many contributions from individuals and groups were received to help defray the cost of the trip, which was over $1,200. Other camping trips are taken throughout the year.

"I am convinced that the training should be with the young; they must be reached in order to form good lives . . . the average American home today doesn't reach the children," the chaplain contends.

The Ambassadors' Club is an outgrowth of his wife's interdenominational Bible club for elementary-age children. When she felt she didn't want to let them go, he kept them by forming the club for older boys and girls.

The chaplain has a thrilling story to tell of his own conversion and his subsequent experiences as a result of it.

He was not in the habit of attending church or Sunday school, and he had not given much thought to a Christian life before he married Dorotha, a Christian girl.

He was coming out of service, twenty-one years ago, after two years in the Navy in World War II. En route from Miami, Florida, to Kent, Ohio, he and his wife stopped in Washington, D.C., after some harrowing experiences.

Their car was weighted down with their possessions. Four times, when the rod bearings broke down, he had to get under the car to work on the bearings. The noise from them had been deafening, like great hammers pounding on steel.

He had no job. His wife was six months pregnant. She began having labor pains when they finally arrived in Washington. It looked as if she might lose their baby in the only lodging they could find, an $18 motel room. Her faith left an impression on Wiley.

In desperation, he fell to his knees and prayed that they would not lose the baby. Soon after that, his wife felt better. Their car also stood up for the remainder of the journey to Kent.

The child they almost lost is Galen, now a straight "A" senior at Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana. He is chaplain of the college.

Four other children of the couple are Donna, wife of the Rev. Harold Clark, teacher in a Bible college in Memphis, Tennessee; David, a pilot for the United Air Lines in Denver, Colorado; Mary, twelve, at Claridon school; and Ruth, eleven, at Martel school. A fourteen-year-old boy, Michael Barr, lives with the family.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Wiley grew up in Akron, Ohio, and graduated in 1939 from Kent State High School. Two years after his conversion in the Washington motel, he felt the call to preach. A father of three at that time, he was working as a service and parts manager in a garage in Kent when he started preaching at the Church of the Brethren.

Seeing the need for more education, he enrolled in Bethany Bible School in Chicago. He had been there only six weeks when he was called to the pastorate of the Church of the Brethren in Minneapolis. He commuted every weekend from Chicago. After six months he moved his family to Minneapolis, continued preaching, and finished his schooling at Bethel College and Seminary in St. Paul.

Thirteen years ago he accepted a pastorate at Marion. The next year he became chaplain at the Correctional Institution, although he continued his duties at the Marion church for five more years. He has now left the pastorate to devote full time to prison work. ▼

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MEN OF VISION

are planning to attend the men's sessions at National Conference, August 13-17.

What are your plans?



7:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 13 through Saturday, August 17, Fellowship Hall, The Free Methodist Church, Ninth and Chestnut Streets.

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"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for Rev. Robert Salazar's answering the call to become the pastor at Taos, New Mexico.

PRAY that the Brethren Home Missions Council might know the plan of God for reaching the Negro in America since Fremont, Ohio, our only testimony to these people, has been closed.

PRAY for the Navajo Mission and Boarding School, which will soon be starting a new school year, and also remember the eighth-grade graduates of our school who are taking further work in other schools.

PRAY for the Cary Engle family, who are joining the Brethren Construction Crew, and also remember the building program at Lexington, Ohio.

PRAY that the delegates to our national conference will carry back to their home churches a real burden for the work of Brethren Home Missions.

SMM

PRAY definitely for SMM conference activities where the girls will be challenged both to witness for and to be drawn closer to their Lord.

PRAY for guidance in the national SMM elections.

PRAY for those representing their districts as Girl of the Year delegates. Pray that their dedication and leadership qualities may be a help to others.

PRAISE the Lord for the SMM girls who helped in the district camps. Many souls were won to the Lord by their efforts.

LAYMEN

PRAY for the officers who will be guiding the men's work during the 1968-69 year, that the Lord will give wisdom.

PRAISE the Lord for the attractive new brochure produced for distribution to our men.

PRAY that the projects and goals adopted for the coming year may all be met.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

PRAY for Chaplain John Talley as he leaves Vietnam on August 1 and returns to his family and a new assignment. Continue to pray for safety and the Lord's blessing for Chaplain Dale Brock in Vietnam.

PRAY for the ministry of the chaplains at national conference.

PRAY for young men entering and those already in the service, that they might be kept for the Lord.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY that the Grace Schools inspirational hour at national conference may prove to be a spiritual challenge.

PRAY for young people who are making last-minute decisions as to where to go to college or seminary this fall.

PRAY that Grace Schools will have student bodies of God's own choosing this fall.

PRAY that more young men from our Brethren churches will dedicate their lives for the Christian ministry.

WMC

PRAY that each WMC lady will strive to meet all the spiritual goals for the coming year.

PRAY for the Nor-Cal District, that each church might have an active, growing WMC.

PRAY for all the new WMC officers—national, district, and local—as they take their offices for 1968-69, that they may have wisdom and joy in their service.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for the many victories and decisions through the ministry of our team in Brazil.

PRAY that God's will may be done in securing additional members for our staff.

PRAY for the preparing and scheduling of crusade meetings this fall.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY that every Brethren Sunday school will get involved in the Enlargement Campaign—and that planning will begin immediately.

PRAY that every Brethren Church will provide an attractive program of spiritual interest to the youth of its community.

PRAY that decisions made by youth during camps and conferences during the summer months may be implemented by action in the local church.

PRAY that sufficient funds may be forthcoming from every local Brethren church to provide for an expanding Christian education ministry through the Christian Education Department.

PRAY that sufficient adult leadership may be involved to provide for a growing outreach and training ministry for our youth through Christian Service Brigade, Sunday school, and Sisterhood of Mary and Martha.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord that all the Brethren foreign fields still have open doors for the gospel testimony.

PRAY that our Bible institute students may be well prepared to go out in the Lord's service among their own people.

PRAY that the missionaries with administrative duties will be given the wisdom and direction needed for their dealings with various people and situations.

PRAY that the seven candidates due to go out next month may be enabled to get all their preparations completed in time.

PRAY that the Lord of the harvest will continue to call forth candidates, especially for those fields which have had no new missionaries for some years.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for continuing interest in the gospel literature ministry.

PRAY that an increasing number through their gifts and prayers will become colaborers in the Brethren Missionary Herald ministry.

PRAY for a good reception for the new BMH book, *Biblical Numerology,* by Dr. John Davis, and for Dr. Herman A. Hoyt's reprinted volume on Hebrews.

(Editor's note: Mr. Kriegbaum is instructor in French at Wheaton College. He has accepted a call from the Wheaton Grace Brethren Church to be the moderator and to assume pastoral responsibilities as of July 8. Following is an abridgment of his candidacy message.)

THE WRONG PEOPLE ARE BEING KILLED!

By Richard Kriegbaum

Early on a Wednesday morning, early in the summer, early in his life Senator Robert Kennedy was shot. Even before he died the next day, it was clear that he, like his brother, had died a martyr. Maybe the particular "cause" for which he died is not yet clearly delineated; maybe it never will be. That fact is irrelevant. What matters is that he died in the service of his ideals. And so did President John Kennedy . . . and Dr. Martin Luther King . . . and Medgar Evers . . . and all the others who have died in the service of some humanitarian cause in recent years.

The wrong people are being killed. If it is true that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church, then it is no wonder that the church languishes in this comfortable society of ours. It is likewise no wonder that so many other movements are flourishing. The word we need is commitment. Christ called it discipleship.

A man will accept the shame of living in a shack in the middle of Washington, D.C., just to get more money. Can we say, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ"? A man will risk death simply to register Negro voters in the South. Can we say, "I offer my body a living sacrifice"? A man will give up ten thousand dollars in salary to be a peacecorpsman in a South American slum. Can we say, "I seek first the kingdom of God"? And a man will die in the work of trying to build a different social order. Can we say, "I am ready to die for the name of the Lord Jesus"? I repeat: The wrong people are dying, and for the wrong reasons—wrong reasons because they are inadequate reasons.

We are not killed; we are not persecuted; we are not even mocked. God in heaven forgive us, but the truth is . . . we are ignored.

Why?

A local church is a group of believers, not a building. We do not "go to church," but rather, the church comes together. This is the *church gathered* for edification and worship.

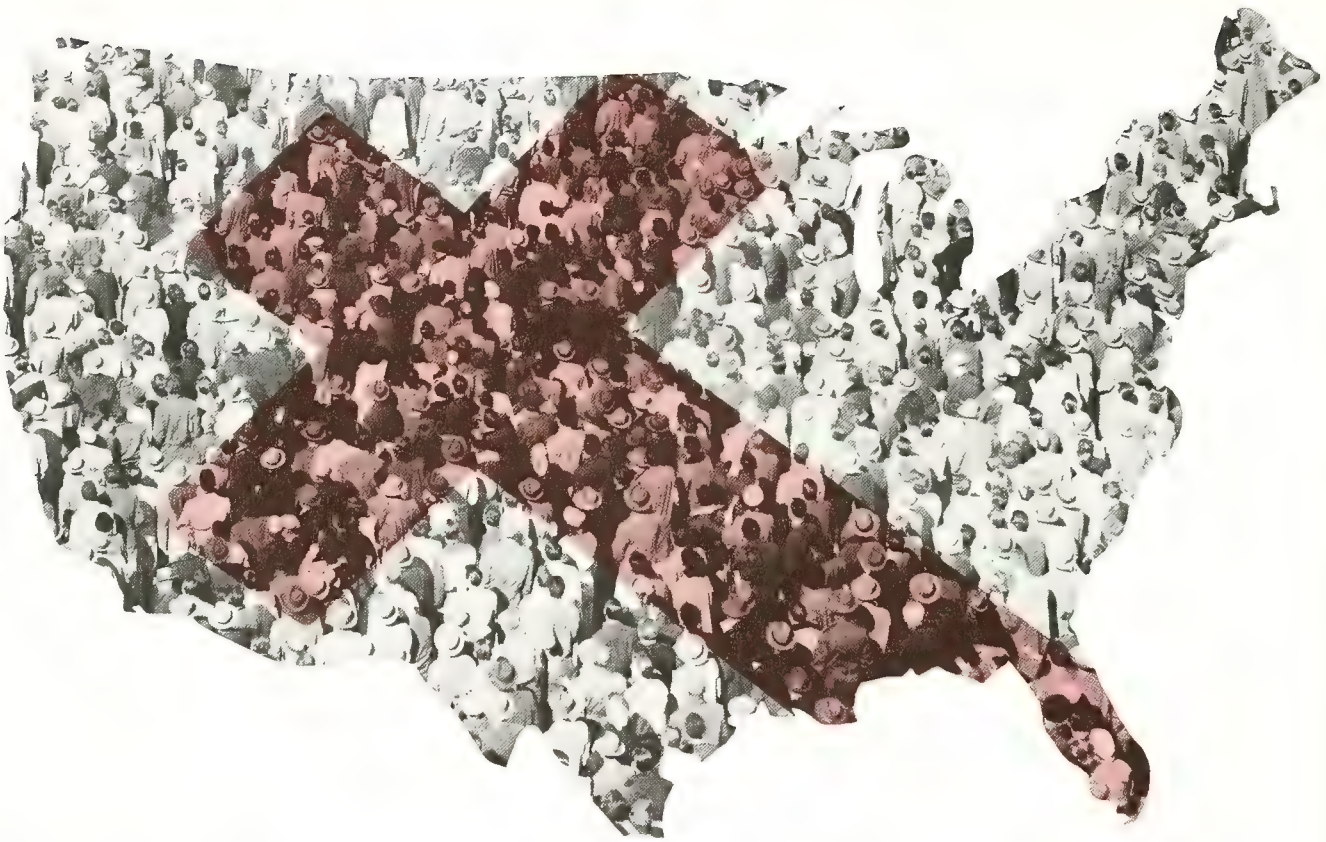
When the service is over, the church goes home to serve. The church will fix Sunday dinner, wash the dishes, and carry out the garbage. The church will earn a livelihood, instruct children, and love its neighbors. This is the *church scattered.*

The primary purpose of each person in this local church, according to Revelation 4 and numerous other references, is to bring pleasure to God. We were created for His glory. Everything we do has to be done as an act of worship in an attempt to please God. *Everything!* Try that the next time you take out the garbage.

This is the essence of the truly separated life. The successful Christian does not let the world squeeze him into its mold, but he separates himself wholly unto the Lord by continually renewing his mental patterns of motivation.

Such a Christian is dreadfully uncomfortable in this secular world; he is so different that the world around him is polarized, either for him or against him. The former he reaches for Christ and introduces them to the life abundant that they seek. Then he takes these new Christians to a gathering of a local church where they are adopted and nurtured by the brethren.

If we start being all that God intended for us to be as individuals and as a local church, the comfortable times will be over. We shall be mocked. We shall be persecuted. We may even be killed. But, God helping us, we shall not be any longer ignored! *We* are the right people to die. We are ready for death, and we have an adequate reason to die. It is time for the right people to be killed, but, even more, it is time for us to start living! And if we do, then when the Bridegroom comes to claim His beloved bride He will find her ready, her work well done. ▼





Our President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President
Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College

In this country and across the world mankind has reached a new moral low. Progressively over the past five years in this country the moral trend has been down, and as yet there does not seem to be any prospect of checking the speed of descent. Three national figures have been wantonly assassinated: John F. Kennedy, the President of the United States; Martin Luther King, Jr., a leader of the Negro people; and Robert F. Kennedy, a senator from the State of New York. Riots, crime, lawlessness, violence, sensualism in shocking proportions have startled the public. Revolutions on the campus of universities, colleges, and high schools have interrupted the educational program and in some cases have threatened the very life of the schools. In some countries across the world these insurrections have actually led to the overthrow of the government. There is discord the world over. All of this points to something, and one writer put it this way: "A climax of some kind seems to be approaching the world over."

When the race riots reached such colossal proportions a year ago, the President of the United States appointed an Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. After seven long months this commission came up with its report, a report so detailed that it fills a large 650-page book. It was a foregone conclusion that this commission would come up with answers, but all of them secondary and calculated to skirt the real issue. After a scourge of violence that culminated in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and then Senator Robert F. Kennedy a few months later, again the President of the United States resorted to a commission. He charged this ten-member panel with the responsibility of investigating violence in America. He expressed the hope that it would find understanding and insight into the kinds of violent aberrations which have struck down public figures and private citizens alike. He also hoped that it would uncover the causes of disrespect for law and order, violent disruptions by groups and individuals, and offer ways to control or prevent such outbreaks.

Those who read this column will recall the various diagnoses that have been made concerning the situation. Some have insisted that discrimination among the races is the cause. Others have cited poverty as the issue. Still others have reversed the explanation and have pointed to affluence. Still others point to subversive agitation or the wrong use of news media, and with increasing prevalence, sickness has been cited as the cause.

It seems never to have occurred to anyone that these are just symptoms of the real cause. It seems never to have occurred to people that there has been an apostasy from the faith in progress throughout the pulpits of the land; that there has been a growing rebellion against God; that they are determined not to retain God in their knowledge and therefore by law it has been shut out of the public school system; that the sights of men have been lowered to the human and natural level and man has become the arbiter of his own morals; that following that lead he has not hesitated to approve sensualism, lawlessness, violence, and anarchy as legitimate responses in society.

In a word, this nation prefers to label its ills as sickness, for which there is no blame, rather than sin, which brings the condemnation of conscience and God.

At this point there is no possible way to stem the tide of crime, sensualism, lawlessness, violence and discontent in this country. Making laws against the possession of guns will not change the human heart. Antipoverty programs will not condition the minds of men. The expulsion of foreign agents will not cleanse the native population. All these and a thousand other panaceas will be advocated and many of them applied. But the situation is bound to grow worse. We are seeing a great nation, and the great nations of the world, gradually, now almost precipitously, disintegrate from within. If the trend follows the pattern of other great nations of the world, the moral weakness of this society can swiftly move into anarchy. And anarchy can lead to dictatorship. This may well mean that conditions are swiftly developing for the appearance of the greatest dictator the world has ever seen, the Antichrist.

More than 700 years before Christ a great prophet diagnosed the condition of his own people in Judah. At the very root there was rebellion against God which led to all kinds of moral filth and evil deeds (Isa. 1:2-4). The situation had progressed to such a point that the whole head was sick and the whole heart was faint. From the sole of the foot to the very top of the head there was no soundness (Isa. 1:5-6). From within and from without the sentence of judgment must fall upon them (Isa. 1:7-10). Their religious ceremonies were a mere sham and pretense, so much so that the Lord hated them and turned His back upon them (Isa. 1:11-15). Isaiah issued a call to repentance with a promise of absolution from sin (1:16-20), but there was no response. They were determined to go their way (1:21-31). Since he saw no hope in men for society, he looked beyond the present into the future for the coming of the Lord and the setting up of the millennial kingdom (Isa. 2:1-4).

Is it possible that we stand today on the brink of catastrophe and judgment, with darkness in prospect which will cover the whole world? If so, then there is just one hope. It is the hope of the coming of the Lord.

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Parents and faculty chat over coffee cups in the dining commons.

Parent Reactions to

OPERATION INSIGHT 1968

It was a blessed privilege to be one of the one hundred and fifty parents at Operation Insight 1968. As parents, we have a more intelligent insight into Grace and its operation and can pray for the specific needs.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller
Fredericksburg, Ohio

We especially appreciated visiting the classrooms and thank the Lord our two sons have the privilege of attending college with a born-again faculty. We are thankful their education has been Christ-centered and Bible-based.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Damer
Route 3, Howe, Indiana

How bountifully the Lord has blessed us as we consider the staff of teachers we met at Grace and count as real friends. The young people are a testimony to the love and guidance that only comes through a prayerful interest in each student.

The baseball game gave us an insight into student enthusiasm, the concert and talent show a peek at what God can do with abilities channeled in the right paths, and the parent-class participation a glimpse of the way God has raised up men with knowledge beyond anything we ever knew.

It is good to know, also, that Grace is putting forth every effort to become an accredited school without forfeiting its testimony of Christ first, and all else secondary.

We praise the Lord for His abundant provision of a way for our girls to attend a college where they will be prepared for a future with Christ the only foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertram McCaulley
Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania

We have been to Winona and Grace many times and there is still one thing more impressive each time. That's the atmosphere. Perhaps you who are there are used to it, but to us it is a very peaceful serenity we get little of. Good Christian fellowship is so inspiring. We honestly feel we could not pick a better college for our daughter, Penny, to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross J. Puls
Dayton, Ohio

Proverbs 3:5-6 has been a guiding light to us in every area of our lives and particularly as we have raised our three sons. We are thankful to the Lord for a Christian school such as Grace College, and for the Lord's direction in leading our boys to its campus (the youngest to enter this fall). The personal interest of the faculty has been instrumental in helping them to know the field for which they should begin their training for perhaps a life's work, and to have the assurance that this is what the Lord would have them to do at this time.

We also praise the Lord for the testimony of the school in standing for Bible truths in spite of the pressures of this world, and of educational governing bodies which you must work with. You are to be commended for your endeavor to become accredited through the North Central Association.

Friends and family whom we have introduced to Grace College, its faculty, students, and campus have observed several important things: (1) the personal interest which the faculty take in their students, and (2) the well-adjusted happiness that the students have reflected. Truly, this can be termed a "Testimony in Action."

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Currie
Southgate, Michigan



Academic Dean E. William Male speaks to parents in a classroom.



There is a world of power and helpfulness in big gifts. But there is a special magic in small gifts when they have a special meaning for the giver.

At a time when educational institutions everywhere are organizing special clubs and programs to encourage annual gifts of $100 or more and at a time when many schools, colleges and universities are creating "Associates" programs at the $1,000 level and up, it is important to say once again: There is a world of power and helpfulness in big gifts. But there is a special magic in small gifts when they have a special meaning for the giver.

Big gifts in the order of hundreds and thousands and hundreds of thousands and even millions of dollars are the key to attainment of distinction of the private school, college or university and the key to attainment of special quality by the public institutions or other cultural organizations.

But these institutions would be poorer in spirit as well as in means without the outpouring of small gifts which represent a kind of magic all their own.

Someone once asked, "How big should my gift be to be significant?" A wise administrator replied, "It should be big enough to be significant to you, the donor." No other measure has validity. In the best sense, there are no "small" gifts, but only gifts which are regarded as being small or large by the donor.

Another donor once asked, "How big a gift should I make?" And a young alumnus answered, "I try to give enough so I care how it is spent."

Some alumni, alumnae and friends feel that the gift of a smaller amount of money is lost in a large budget, in a large building program, in a comprehensive program of aid to students. But there is another way of looking at gifts and that is to ask, "What do they do?"

Perhaps the best answer is to say that each gift, in whatever amount, always in the last analysis accomplishes a specific rather than a general purpose.

Buildings are aggregates of real bricks and real beams and real steel and real man-hours, each item of which has to be paid for in real dollars. Libraries are collections of individual books, documents, microfilms, pictures, recordings, and works of art, each of which has to be purchased with real dollars. Help to a student is expressed in support for a room, individual meals day after day, learning materials, tuition and fees, and these things have to be paid for in real dollars, day by day, meal by meal, book by book.

If there is hesitation about making a small gift because there is a feeling that the gift is lost in the larger sums given by others, remember that in the building every brick bears an equal load. The gift which buys a single brick is as significant in the completion of that building as the major gift which buys a wing or an entire floor, because *every* brick is needed! In a library, *each* book is a specific, tangible, real and useful part of the whole. The small gift which supplies a book contributes in proportion as significantly to the library as the large gift which supplies many items. It is not lost! To the student using that book, that book right then is the most important part of the library. And it might not be there if a particular gift had not been made.

In the case of scholarship aid, the small gift may supply the equivalent of a week's lodging, dinner on a Tuesday night, the books required for a chemistry course, but its use is just as specific, just as real, just as tangible in its proportionate way, as the larger gifts which supply many more of these items. To the boy or girl eating a dinner provided through scholarship aid, that gift may mean just the difference.

The magic of the smaller gift is even more pervasive. A school, a college, or university becomes great as it has great teachers, students who can profit from its offerings, and a superb physical plant. But in every one of these cases one further ingredient is needed if the institution is to have prestige—that ingredient is the high regard of its contemporaries and the support of its alumni and friends. Not alone through their material means is this expressed. It is expressed with equal means through the ambassadorship and goodwill which flows from their involvement in its future.

As Emerson said, "A gift without the giver is bare."

The gifts to your school, your college or your university which contribute most meaningfully to the success of the institution, be the gifts small or large, immediate or deferred, in cash or in kind, in dollars or in services, are those which also represent and are accompanied by the donor's warm regard and concern for its welfare.

Without the big gifts, our educational institutions could not mobilize the strength to attain quality. Without the small gifts and the concern that goes with them, the institutions would lose their present identity and the threads would be weakened which connect them to the larger society.

Give whatever you give with pride. Gratitude for your support is not measured by the size of the gift but truly by its significance as measured by you. ▼

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Choosing a College?

By Charles Rogers

Few choices are of greater significance in a young person's life than that of an institution of higher learning. One's occupation, life mate, philosophy of life, attitude toward political and social issues, morals, and even the choice of where he wants to live may be profoundly influenced by his selection of a college or university. For this reason, one must be careful to select the best possible school available to him and one which is part of God's plan for his life.

We live in an age of change and challenge; the selection of a college therefore becomes increasingly difficult. Of the national population, 85,000,000 persons are presently twenty-five years of age or under; by 1980 more than 35 per cent of the population will be between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five. Enrollment in the nation's colleges now totals more than 5,300,000, with an estimated 7,300,000 by the fall of 1970. With 60 per cent of the middle- and upper-class groups anticipating college matriculation and with the new loan and scholarship provisions extending the opportunity to nearly every intellectually competent citizen, the colleges of today are operating in a rising market.

An individual presently has the choice of more than 2,000 institutions of higher learning, and of these, 817 are religiously oriented. So much new knowledge has emerged, along with a growing thirst for its assimilation within the total outlook of life, that the existing evangelical Christian colleges and others yet to be built face a remarkable opportunity to confront the academic worlds in a fresh spirit of intellectual adventure.

But why do we need Christian colleges when community colleges and secular institutions have become more and more prevalent? Can't our young people stay at home and continue their relationship to their churches and attend those schools close to home? I don't think so. I believe that only in a Christian college can an individual acquire a superior education.

Unfortunately, some secular educators and many other individuals have stereotyped Christian colleges and cherish the strange idea that the academic excellence of colleges is proportionate to their lack of church-relatedness. Others point to the fact that Christian institutions of higher learning have ingrown faculties, worship the Ph.D. more than the good teacher, are content with graduates who have not really won a faith for themselves but parrot it, have elevated their campus standard to an authority paralleling that of divine revelation, are defenders of the faith rather than being positive declaratives who affirm their faith, and

too often hide their heads in the sand, smug with their withdrawal from the secular academic scene. How, then, can one still propose that a Christian college education provides a superior education?

There are three main reasons.

First, Christian education deals with the whole truth.

All truth is of God, and God has made it available to man for the enrichment of his life, for a more profound understanding of his Creator, and for the greater good of mankind.

Man is God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Man's primary goal should be that of bringing glory to his Creator. Education under Christian auspices affirms the fact of God and is committed to the principle that in Him—and in Him alone—"all things consist," or are held together. If education is to be complete and concerned with reality, it must recognize that man's fundamental adjustment is not to nature or society, but to God, who is the source and providential caretaker of all things. If education is concerned with the development of personality, it must take into account man's divine origin and destiny. If education is a preparation for life, then it must relate itself to the true nature of things.

Secular institutions often pride themselves in viewing man and life from a rational and scientific orientation which has no room for a God they cannot place in their test tubes. God has become unpopular. They even pronounce that He is dead or no longer an option to be considered.

To ignore the truth that comes from God through His revelation is to injure oneself in futile, presumptuous efforts to ignore or change the unchanging purposes of Him who rules all things. Such an education is substandard and fragmentary at best.

It is in the Christian institutions of higher learning that a body of scholars, who have agreed about a corpus of spiritual truth, can expose to the same searching scrutiny they give other ideologies, this ultimate truth and pass this truth on to their students. Thomas B. McDormand wrote in *Christianity Today*, May 8, 1964: "It is when man's reason and God's revelation meet in a glorious marriage in faith that truth in its many-splendored nature is most likely perceived and most humbly and worthily applied for the benefit of the children of God. The eye of faith can add richly to that which the eye of flesh beholds in every field of human inquiry."

The second reason why the Christian college is superior is that it prepares students for life.

In an effort to achieve the goal of preparing students for life, Christian professors guide them toward maturity in Christian belief, responsible citizenship, social perspective, and meaningful vocation. Christian education is the soundest preparation for appreciating life. A mature Christian faith is the keystone philosophy. The secular educational experience prepares the individual vocationally but fails to provide preparation for all of life.

Many conflicting voices are heard in the modern secular milieu. Science allures students into the exciting fields of technological endeavor. Business offers the attraction of economic success, though often at the price of conformity with white collar crime standards inconsistent with Biblical standards.

The Playboy, live-it-while-you-can philosophy tempts students to live for the present and to "loaf through." It is in the Christian college that the student finds himself in a context which seeks to point him to a real purpose in life and show him how this purpose is related to his vocation. To prepare one vocationally but not give him the perspective in which he can live is substandard education. A Christian college prepares the student for life and thus provides for its students a superior educational base.

Our third reason for preferring a Christian college is that it is person oriented.

The Christian college is as much concerned with the individual as with the subject matter. The devaluation of persons in the sprawling megalopolis, the erosion of authentic primary group relations and controls, and the disappearance of transcendent meanings for life are of primary concern in the Christian institution of higher learning. Students educate one another as much as the faculty educates them with regard to attitudes and standards. The ways in which students interact among themselves and the out-of-class relations between faculty and students are important in the educational experience. The smaller student-teacher ratio found in the Christian college allows the student to sit in counsel with dedicated men and women whose learning and experience, whose wholesome attitudes and aims, make them considerate of the needs of the individual and conscious of his potential as they allow God to work through them. To meet with others who bring with them a culture that is Christian, a spirit that is youthful, and a desire to participate that is wholesomely eager makes Christian college education superior.

The Christian education responsibility first of all of the home and secondarily of the church should prepare the student with regard to his philosophy of life, and it might even meet his need with regard to personal orientation and counsel. Not every student is going to be able to attend a Christian college. Nevertheless, it will be more difficult to fill the void of the student who is taught day in and day out in a framework where the whole truth is not only not considered, but even ridiculed. Our responsibility as Christian educators is to counsel our young people and their parents with regard to their college selection. We must be aware of what is available near and far, and then in our Christian educational program we must prepare our parents and provide training for our students from cradle roll through college departments that will fill in the gaps and ground the individuals who cannot avail themselves of an education in a Christian college. ▼

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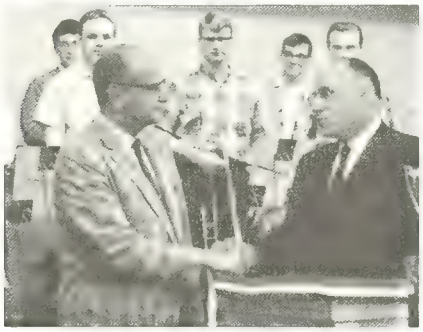
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Grace News

Seminary Seniors Give Classroom Furniture

The 1968 Grace Seminary Senior class has presented a gift of approximately $300 to the school for the purchase of desks and chairs to be placed upon carpeted podiums in the classrooms for the use of the professors. This will replace some furniture which has been in use since the seminary moved into McClain Hall.

Lynn Hile, senior class president, expressed the desire of his class to perpetuate the very fine project which was started by the seniors of 1967.



Snider Named Top Teacher

R. Wayne Snider, professor of history at Grace College, was the 1968 recipient of the Alva J. McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching in a presentation made by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president, at the annual awards chapel.

Snider, an alumnus of Grace Seminary, has been on the Grace faculty since 1954. He was named to the honor through a selection system comprised of student, faculty, and administrative committees. In making the award, President Hoyt cited Snider for "the attainment of an especially high level of teaching competency and the making of an outstanding contribution to the teaching ministry of Grace College."

Criteria for the selection of award winners include evaluations of academic alertness, class preparation, student rapport, teaching competency, and personal qualities.

The award, established in honor of the founding president of Grace Schools, consists of an engraved plaque, a cash award of $100, and the inscription of the winner's name and the year of the award on a publicly displayed plaque.

Snider, who is chairman of the history and social studies department of the college, is a native of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania. He received the B.A. degree from Bryan College, the B.D. and Th.M. degrees from Grace Theological Seminary, and the M.A. in history from Indiana University. He is a member of the American Historical Association and the Indiana Academy of Social Sciences, Inc. He has traveled widely in the Near East, western and eastern Europe, and the Soviet Union, and is planning another trip next spring.

Mr. Snider is married to the former Hyla Palmer and they have two daughters, Lisa and Jacqueline. They reside on Wooster Road in Warsaw.

118 Receive Degrees at Grace Commencement

A near-capacity crowd filled the Winona Lake Auditorium recently for the 1968 graduation services of Grace College and Seminary.

Thirty-four seminarians and eighty-four collegians received a total of ten different types of degrees.

Highlighting the baccalaureate service was the music of the Grace brass choir and the college choir. Dr. Kenneth B. Ashman, president of the Board of Trustees of Grace Schools, made the annual seminary and college announcements.

The baccalaureate sermon was given by the Reverend Jacob P. Kliever, missionary to the Chad republic, Africa. Rev. Kliever was later awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Grace Seminary.

Dr. Douglas B. McCorkle, president of Philadelphia College of the Bible, delivered the commencement address on the theme, "The Making and Breaking of the Record."

In the college, forty-one received the bachelor of arts degree, thirty-three were granted the bachelor of science degree, seven received the degree of bachelor of science in nursing, and three received the degree of bachelor of music in education.

In the seminary, six separate degrees were granted. Three candidates were awarded the degree of master of religious education, and two were awarded a diploma of theology. Twenty-four received the bachelor of divinity degree and three the master of theology.

Mr. Robert Benton and Mr. Curtis Mitchell were granted the doctor of theology degree. Mr. Mitchell's doctoral dissertation at Grace Seminary was entitled "The Prayer Principles of Jesus." "Spiritual and Moral Conditions of the Covenant People in the Time of Hosea" was the title of the doctoral dissertation presented by Mr. Benton.

Memorial Gifts Keep on Serving

This year and throughout many years to come, memorial gifts will perpetuate the memory of loved ones and help to provide a Christian higher education for the ever-increasing number of students coming to Grace College and Seminary. Perhaps you would like to remember the passing of a loved one in this way.

Instead of sending flowers, you may send a gift to Grace Schools. In turn, an appropriate card will be sent to the bereaved with a statement that you have given a special gift to Grace in memory of their loved one. Your thoughtful remembrance will not only be appreciated, but it will also be a lasting investment in young lives preparing to serve Christ.

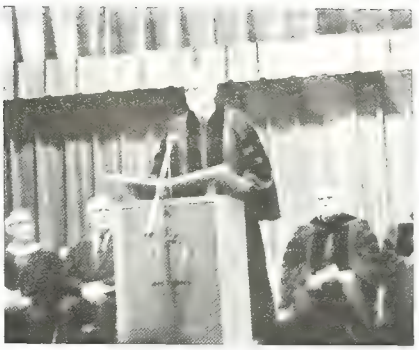
Special memorials will help provide rooms and equipment for the new library-learning center now under construction on Grace campus. Suitable memorial plaques will witness to your thoughtfulness.

Kliever Honored at Commencement

The Rev. M. Jacob Paul Kliever, Brethren missionary to Central Africa since 1938, received the honorary degree, doctor of divinity, from Grace Theological Seminary at the thirty-first annual commencement, May 30. Accompanying him from Africa for this happy event was his wife, Freda. Mr. Kliever also delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the 1968 graduating class.

In 1949 Mr. Kliever took approximately enough hours at Grace Seminary to complete the classroom work for the B.D. degree, lacking only the critical monograph. He also holds a diploma from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, studied one year at Des Moines University and two years at Ashland Theological Seminary, and received the Moyen diploma and the Certificat d'Aptitude from the Alliance Francaise in Paris following one year of study while en route to Africa.

A member of The Brethren Church since 1930, Mr. Kliever was ordained to the ministry in 1935, went to Africa in 1938, and has served for eleven years as field treasurer and six years as field superintendent of our mission in the Central African Republic. Currently he is directing the new work in the Chad republic while continuing to oversee the work of several districts in the Central African Republic and the Cameroun.



Rev. Jacob P. Kliever delivers the Baccalaureate sermon and later receives an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Prior to his foreign missionary service Mr. Kliever served seven years as assistant pastor of the North Long Beach Brethren Church and two years as pastor of the Brethren church of Middlebranch, Ohio, of which he and Mrs. Kliever are members.

The Klievers are parents of two daughters, Ann Celeste Farris and Donna Marie Fuller.

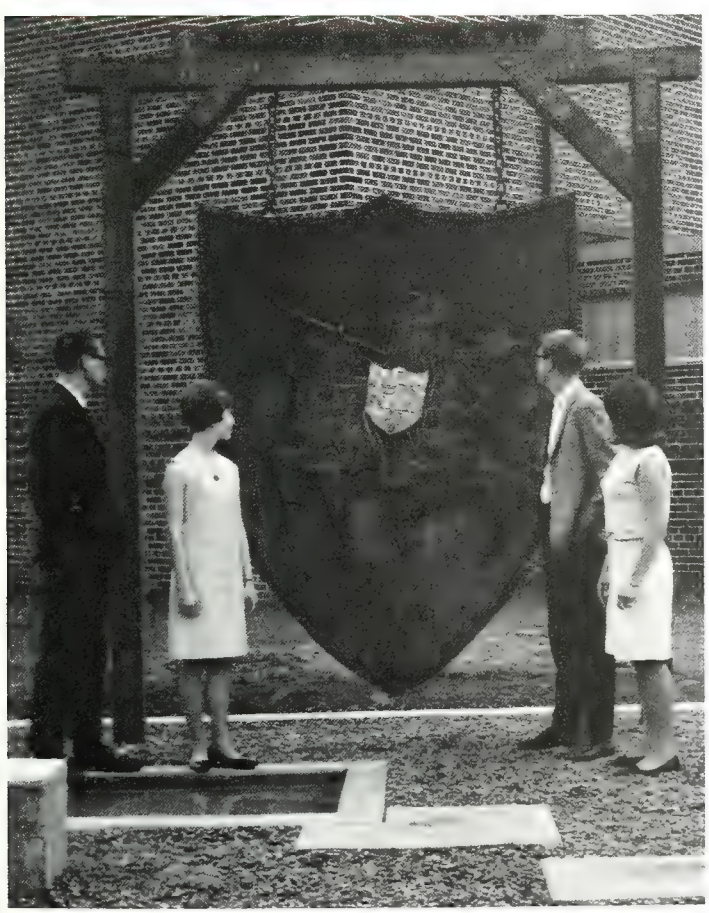
Dr. and Mrs. Kliever returned to Africa a few days following commencement.

GRACE SEMINARY ALUMNI BANQUET

Thursday, August 15, 5 p.m., Grace College Dining Commons, Winona Lake, Indiana.

ALL seminary and college alumni, faculty, trustees, pastors and their spouses are invited.

Charles H. Ashman, Banquet Committee Chairman.



Lancer Shield, the 1968 college senior class gift.

College Seniors Erect Lancer Shield

A large shield constructed of one-half-inch Corven steel, weighing just under 1,000 pounds and measuring eight feet high and six feet wide, has been erected near the college gymnasium as the 1968 Grace College senior class gift.

A lancer on horseback, the symbol for Grace athletic teams, is mounted in the center of the shield and carries the Grace College shield on his left arm.

Dan Gehman, senior class president, explained that the shield symbolizes competition and victory in three areas—academic, athletic, and spiritual.

Claudia McCormick was chairman of the Gift Committee, and the supporting structure, reflecting pool, and gravel quadrangle were designed by Norm Warden.

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"May Queen Sondra"







For Sondra Preda, May Day climaxed three great years at Grace College. When she heard the words, "I crown thee Queen of May," as Dean of Students Arnold Kriegbaum placed the beautiful crown upon her head, she became the first May Queen in Grace history.

Along with the student body and faculty, "Sonnie" and her court in colorful, ruffled costumes inaugurated a new tradition at Grace.

Already this petite brunette from Canton, Ohio, has learned some of the disciplines of study, has thrilled to the great music of the concert band in which she played, has rejoiced as she led a soul to Christ through her Campus Crusade ministry, has served on the Dorm Senate, and has accepted the responsibility of being the editor for the 1968-69 *Heritage.* She expects to return to Grace College for her fourth and greatest year this fall. ▼

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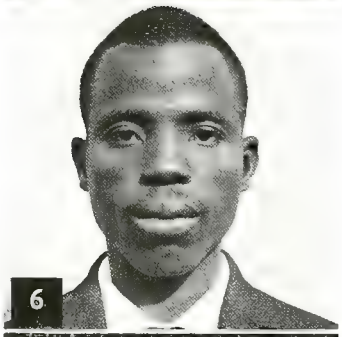
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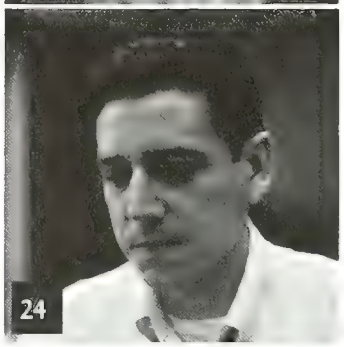
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Rev. Conard K. Sandy



A fellow minister and colaborer with the late Conard Sandy said of him, "He was a man of deep convictions, and he did not hesitate to declare them." As such, he made a valuable contribution to the work of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. The fact that he was elected moderator in 1950 is testimony to the fact that he was highly regarded by the Fellowship.

Rev. Conard Sandy's passing on June 19 marked the home-going of the second former editor-business manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company in the year of 1968. He made a valuable contribution to the work of the Herald Company during the two years he served.

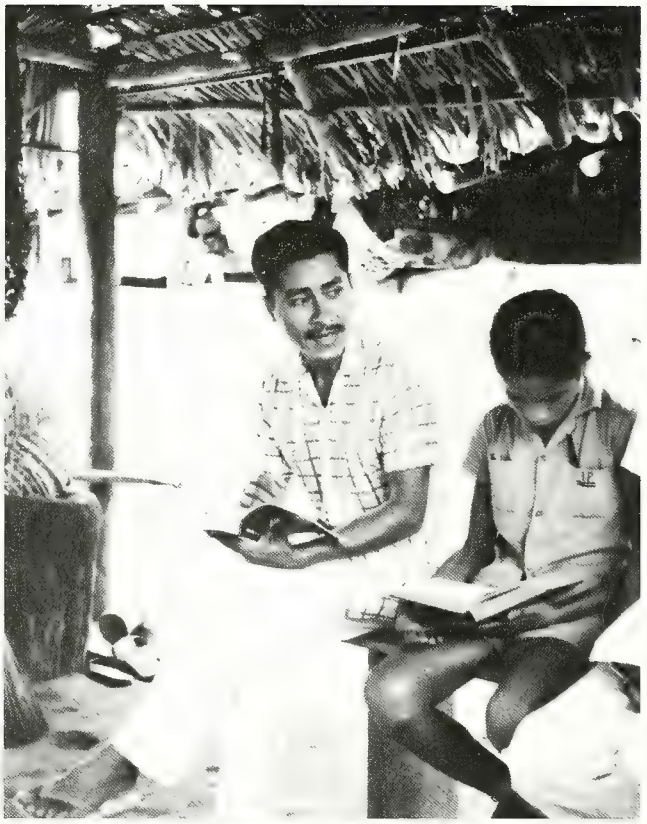
A fine evaluation of his ministry was given by a layman who had worked closely with him: "He was a good Bible student. His strong voice and fine delivery drew the attention of the listener to his well-prepared, positive messages. He always had a well-organized message, and he delivered it well."

This man of God served in many capacities. Perhaps his strongest ministry was as a teacher and preacher of the Word in the pastorate. And, according to some, one of his most successful pastorates was at Gretna, Ohio, where he went as a student pastor before the Ashland-Grace division. He served in that pastorate for seven years. In addition to this work for the Lord, he taught for brief periods in both Grace Seminary and Grace College to meet emergencies. He served in pastorates from California to Pennsylvania. At one time he was pastor at Leon, Iowa, and for a few years he served as part-time pastor of the Leesburg, Indiana, Brethren Church.

For a time he served in Bible conference work. His travels in the Holy Land and his varied experiences in the work of the Lord made this ministry even more effective. He was well-known by most of the ministers of the Fellowship.

Again we are called to prayer to God for recruits as the ranks of Christian workers is depleted. May God move in the hearts of some of those who were touched by the ministry of Brother Sandy, to take up the work that he loved so dearly. ▼















Who Is a Missionary?

By Rev. John W. Zielasko

There is a tendency in Christian circles today, even by some who should know better, to equate the word "Christian" with "missionary." One is led to believe that when a person becomes a Christian, he automatically becomes a missionary as well. We are told that a Christian who is not a missionary is out of God's will and himself becomes a mission field in need of a missionary. With such an approach, the concept of a missionary needs to be greatly expanded in order to include the greatest number of people. Thus, the pastor, the evangelist, the Christian businessman, the Sunday-school teacher, and the Christian housewife have all been referred to as missionaries.

A comparison of the great number of Christians who have at one time or another made public decisions to serve as foreign missionaries with the actual number who did get to the field, is just one clue to the conviction that far too many have quenched a call from God, have soothed their consciences, and are now hiding behind an unsatisfactory definition of a missionary held by a misinformed Christian society. It is estimated that over 90 per cent of those who make public decisions for missions never reach the field. But why should one go when he may bear the proud title "missionary" without assuming the hardships or the inconveniences, or without possessing the spiritual qualities that such a life demands?

There is no question but that all Christians should be witnesses for Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8). This is a privilege as well as a responsibility placed upon all who name Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. But to claim, as is so widely done today, that all Christians are missionaries will, in my opinion, cause nothing but confusion in the ranks of God's people and weaken the forces of those who do serve in this capacity. As someone has so keenly observed, "If everything is mission, then nothing is mission."

This is not a problem of the importance or priority of the Christian's place in the Lord's service. It does not mean that the missionary is of more value in God's program than the Sunday-school teacher, the Christian layman, the teacher, or the housewife. "If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? . . . But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him" (I Cor. 12:15-18).

It is a matter of semantics. The word "missionary" in its time-honored definition is "a sent one." In expanded form we would agree with the definition given by Dr. Floyd Taber at a mission conference at Grace Seminary several years ago: "A missionary is one sent by God and by a church to found new churches or to build up new churches that are still too weak to stand alone." We need to recognize that God does select people from the local congregation for special tasks. One of these assignments is the work of a foreign missionary. "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2).

Perhaps some of the confusion over terms exists because we sometimes overlook the fact that the mission of the church of Jesus Christ has two aspects. One is the work of evangelism. This is the church in its local environment, witnessing to its community. It is engaged in the ministry of reconciliation to friends, neighbors, and those with whom its members come in contact in the day-by-day activities of life.

The other aspect of the church's responsibility consists of missions. It is the church reaching out beyond the confines of the local congregation by selecting and sending representatives (missionaries) to proclaim the Gospel in the "regions beyond." It is not the distance one journeys that makes the distinction, for in these days of jet travel, distance has lost its meaning. Still, there are boundaries that separate the missionary from his assignment. There are, for example, the social, the linguistic, the cultural, the ideological, and the political, as well as the geographical boundaries to be crossed in order to reach those who have not acknowledged Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Boundaries—yea, in many cases, obstacles that may be formidable indeed. They stand as insurmountable barriers to the great majority of Christians, and thus rule out the possibility of their serving as foreign missionaries. Their involvement should center around the prayer and financial support needed to carry on this facet of the Lord's program. It was Dr. T. J. Bach who said: "Some must go; some must let go; some must help go."

Neither aspect of the Church's ministry is expendable, and the church that neglects its responsibility in either of these two phases condemns itself to a sure spiritual death. She may still claim a large attendance and membership, but to the eye of spiritual discernment an invisible title will stand out in bold relief across her portals: Ichabod.

In these troublesome days Christian missionaries the world over are forced to face more than their share of difficulties for the cause of Jesus Christ. Let us not also rob them of the proud title "missionary." ▼

An Evangelist Named Levi . . .



Levi Rengande

"Many, many people are coming to hear him preach, and many are coming out to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour—just like when Mr. Weaver was here." (The reference is to the Rev. Scott Weaver's evangelistic campaigns in 1964 and 1966.)

This was the report I heard from an African after the first week of meetings held by Medical Evangelist Levi Rengande. During a six-week period, Levi reports that he saw 144 first-time decisions, 64 backsliders expressing their desire to return to the Lord, and 106 Christians coming to dedicate their bodies wholly to the Lord.

Levi graduated from the Bible Institute at Bata last November. At the invitation of the pastors in his home area, among the Karre people, he went forth to preach. He worked out from the chapels where there are Bible Institute graduates. During the week he went to the small villages, preaching as many as three or four times a day. Then on Sunday he would return to the chapel and great crowds came again to hear him. Levi is on fire for the Lord.

Levi was born at Bassai in the early forties. He was a pupil in Miss Grace Byron's school. Later he helped her as a teacher. He had teacher's training under Mrs. Floyd Taber. Then he entered the medical training program. After four years as a medical student he entered Bible Institute. The study of the Word was so satisfying to him that he chose to take the full three-year course (medical workers ordinarily take only two years). Now he has gone to work at the Bellevue dispensary. He is married and has three children.

I saw Levi toward the end of his series of meetings. He was excited about winning souls. He said: "I plan to work in the medical work as long as I'm able. I want to reach many souls with the Gospel." Then he added, "And when I get too old to work in the medical work, I want to go out and just sit in the village and preach the Word of God."—*Miss Rosella Cochran*

Wooster Keeps "Sending Forth"

A special "Missionary Sunday" was held on June 9 at the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, and one feature of the day was the congregation's dedication of Mr. and Mrs. George Peters for missionary service in Africa. The speaker for the service was Rev. George Johnson, brother of Mrs. Peters, who had returned home from Brazil just five days before. John Armstrong, representing the congregation, promised the prayerful support of the local church. Pastor Kenneth Ashman charged Mr. and Mrs. Peters to be faithful in all things spiritual, and Rev. Johnson presented a missionary charge to them. Scripture was read by Art Johnson, Grace Seminary student, brother of Mrs. Peters. The dedication prayers were offered by Brother Guy Johnson and Brother Fred Peters, fathers of the couple. Associate Pastor Knute Larson assisted with the laying on of hands of the elders, as did Ivan Moomaw, member of the Foreign Missionary Society's board of trustees.

Left to right: Pastor Kenneth Ashman, Rev. George Johnson, assistant pastor Knute Larson, Fred Peters, Guy Johnson. Kneeling: George Peters, Jane Peters.



At the evening service George Peters delivered the message on the theme, "The First Missionary to Africa." Other members of the Johnson and Peters families assisted in the service in presenting the Scriptures, leading in prayer, and in the ministry of music.

This makes nine from the Wooster church serving in foreign missions in Africa and Brazil. Also, there are three young people this summer in short-term service with "TIME" and "VISA." In addition, a number of the Wooster young people are enrolled as missionary cadets with the Christian Missionary Recruiting Service, pursuing courses of study to prepare them for the fields to which the Lord will lead them.

Missionary Sunday was concluded with a fellowship time, during which the Johnsons were welcomed home and the Peters family were tendered farewells.



The Brethren meeting place in Canudos.

Did You Ever Hear . . . Pray . . . ?

By Rev. George "Duke" Wallace

Did you ever hear of a place called Canudos—or a city called Belem? If not, how about a huge country called Brazil?

Canudos? It is in this suburb of Belem, Brazil, that our first Belem Brethren work is located. The Canudos church was started by missionary Randy Maycumber several years ago. The church is just a babe as yet, meeting in a *barraca,* or shack, progressing as God gives the yield. Before their furlough, George and Evelyn Johnson were working here.

Now, some folks might reflect only, "How interesting." But it is more than this! It is great news! For, though the site is only a shack, there are Brethren meeting in the city of Belem!

Why is this great news? Because Belem is the capital city of the state of Para and, practically speaking, the seaport of the Amazon River and of all northern Brazil. Belem is at the upper end of the Belem-Brasilia highway, which is opening up new areas of civilization and industry and increasing the importance and size of Belem. The University of Para is located within the confines of the city, and in this school are unlimited possibilities for working with the leaders and businessmen of the future. In short, Belem is "where the action is" here in the north of Brazil, whether it be industrial, political, or educational.

Although insignificant in the eyes of the world, which looks for beautiful buildings and material things, our Canudos work has made some big "adult" steps for a "baby" church. To mention a few: the first baptisms (fourteen people) and the first precious communion service have been held; God has given land for our church; souls have been saved; a *mocidade* (young people's group) has been initiated; preaching points with good foundations have been started on the Estrata Nova and in the suburb of Condor. In a "baby" church, this is something for which to raise our voices in praise to God!

What of this coming year? Needs of the future? Goals? The need for more men sold out to their Saviour and ready to work and serve Him, must certainly be included as one of the most important. There is a need for a *mocidade* with a greater burden for souls and a national Brazilian pastor to take over as leader of the work.

Goals include more solid works in the other *bairros,* or districts. It is good to keep in mind that the population of Belem is a half million or more, with many, many *bairros.* There is the goal of a God-given opening for Bible study in the University of Para, where the leaders of this nation are being trained, and a church building in Canudos made with Brazilian sweat and prayer.

Say, did you ever *pray* about a place called Canudos, or a city called Belem? If not, please start praying *now,* because we—and you—have a Brethren testimony here! ▼

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

TWO NEW MISSIONARY HELPERS CLUBS
in Maryland and Iowa

These boys and girls from the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, had ten present at one of their first meetings. Their leader, Mrs. Donald Ciha, says that the children like the idea of writing to missionary children.

Left to right, back row: Cheryl Toroian, Robin Boland, Gaye Boland, Renee Boland, Brian Ciha. Front row: Ronnie Boland, Ronnie Faas, Kevin Ciha, George Toroian, Greg Ciha.





Missionary Helpers from the Calvary Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Maryland, are shown here at their March meeting. The big bulletin board behind them has pictures of children from foreign lands. Their leader is Mrs. Patsy Kauffman.

Left to right, back row: Debbie Anthony, Jerri Lynn Foltz, Theresa Hummelsine, Bobby Foltz, Steven Smith. Front row: Diana Hicks, Stevie Anthony, Susan Martin, Lori Foltz, Carol Foltz, Ricky Anthony.

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For two American ladies, a trip to the mission field became . . .

Reunion in Africa

By Clara Garber

(FMS editor's note: Miss Garber, from Ripon, California, is the sister of Africa missionary Martin Garber. Her traveling companion was Miss Deloris Thurston, of Garwin, Iowa, sister of missionary nurse Marian Thurston.)

"There they are—that's Marvin; he's the tallest. The twins are on the rail. They see us—they're waving. Looks like we will be the last ones off!"

We had just arrived at the Bangui airport in the Central African Republic. Our hands and arms were too full to wave! There was the matter of customs; thanks to Marvin Goodman, all went smoothly. Business and vacations had brought many missionaries to Bangui, which resulted in a good reception for us. It was the dry season, but "dry" did not describe the fellowship!

We were able to visit all mission stations and see the missionaries and their work. Several impressions stand out to me.

Our nurses have great responsibility and desperately need help.

Church services? Full, packed and overflowing.

Decisions? Yes, at all services.

Has the work been worth all the investment? Definitely!

All needs met—work over? By no means. "The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

Our nation was founded by God-fearing people, and education has been a part of our life. Not so in Africa. Your own life might be different if your ancestors from away back could not read or write. Our mission has a school for boys from the seventh to the tenth grade. But what about the girls? There is a definite need for leaders for the girls' work and the women's work and for pastors' wives who are educated. Seeing the need, I could well have turned in my return ticket if I had known the language!

A one-day trip to M'Baiki, the green, jungle part of the field, took us to a small Pygmy tribe. The gospel message was given by an African pastor's wife.

A bush trip to visit chapels was interesting and rewarding. We ate with the African pastors. The dinner consisted of delicious chicken, rice that needed salt, and guinea corn that needed salt; it ended with black, sweet, hot coffee.

We picked up food provisions for the students at the Bible Institute, but had to refuse any more at the last stop because of the lack of space, and too much weight. Before sunset we came upon a truck stopped on the road. With the missionary's tools and know-how, the truck was fixed in minutes. The truck driver admitted that we were God-sent, and promised to pick up the portion of food we had had to refuse and to take it all the way to the Bible Institute. Praise the Lord! At the day's end we had accumulated four chickens and fourteen eggs. When the Africans out of their poverty give, it makes me think: "Have I ever really given?"

We were there when it was necessary to "rob Peter to pay Paul" because a generator motor had died. Machinery needs to be replaced; new missionaries need to be sent out.

I have reread the story of the founding of the field, and it really came alive since my visit to the first station, Bassai. There has been much accomplished since then, but there is still no shortcut to the training and development of the people. The mission work will continue to take time, money, manpower, and prayer.

Is time running out? It did for us. Before we knew it, it was time to pack up and leave. A twenty-eight-year dream had come true. ▼

Left to right: Clara Garber, Mary Cripe, Deloris Thurston, pastor's wife who brought the gifts.



The Paris strike and a series of mechanical breakdowns made it . . .

A Long Trip Home for Dr. Jake

(FMS editor's note: The Jake Klievers, veterans of thirty years' service on the Brethren mission field in Africa, in mid-May left the field for just three weeks, making a trip to the United States especially so that Mr. Kliever might receive the honorary doctor of divinity degree which was bestowed upon him by Grace Theological Seminary at the annual commencement time. [See "Dr. Jake," page 3, Brethren Missionary Herald, *June 15, 1968.] At the conclusion of their brief and pleasant time in the U.S., getting back to their home in the Chad republic was another story, which is related in the following letter.)*

Dodang, June 24, 1968

Dear Brother Zielasko,

Just a few quick remarks as to our trip back. You will note that it has been more than twenty days since we left Cleveland! It took us one week to travel about 9,000 miles and just about two weeks to come the other 400 miles.

We spent a day in New York, which was almost on schedule, but we had to talk out three situations before we got a flight (TWA) to the military base an hour's ride from Paris. We were taken to the Paris Hilton, but since we were on our own, we were responsible for the expense. Since we were going to be charged $22 each, we asked for another hotel and got one for $12 each! We had to spend two days, plus, in Paris. It was interesting to see no taxis and no buses, to hear no subways, and to walk, walk, walk! The folks at the hotel were wonderfully cooperative, and we got a way out by bus to Brussels. The six-hour ride was beautiful and interesting. We passed the new S.H.A.P.E. headquarters, and we dined at the Palais Dorsey Hotel Restaurant. The bus trip and the food (two meals) en route were on the company. We got a midnight flight to Bangui and arrived Saturday morning, the eighth. Then our travel difficulties really began.

Our VW minibus was to be waiting for us at Bangui with its regular motor in it, new brakes, and so on, but Tom [McDairmant—the field's mechanic] had been sick, so no car. It was decided we would take the Robbinses' new Mercedes truck after they got to Bangui to go on furlough.

On Wednesday we started out. About thirty kilometers from Bossembele a passing car threw a stone into that great big windshield, and in just a little we could not see to drive and the thing fell onto us. Some pieces were the size of a quarter, but most were much smaller. We turned back for Bangui and drove through showers and no showers, getting wet and dry at turns! There were no windshields in stock at Bangui and no hope of getting one soon (due to all kinds of strikes, etc.).

Saturday, Tom was leaving for Bozoum, so we decided to go with him. We got rained in for the night at Yaloke, but the next day got to Bozoum. We worked four days getting a temporary repair on our car, keeping in the motor that got burned out on another VW minibus.

Last Friday we left for Bekoro and Dodang. About ten miles on our way—no power and unwelcome noise in the motor. Dead spark plug and bearing burned out—at the same time and independent of each other. Freda stayed with the car, fighting flies and such. I walked five miles to Millers' house, sent a cyclist, and soon a pickup came and we went on a tow job. Saturday it was decided we should try the mechanic's car (the worst one in the mission—he is supposed to know how to keep it running no matter what), and after six hours on the road we arrived at Bekoro, 100 miles away. We got to Dodang without further mishap. Now we are writing letters, hoping the car will make it to Baibokoum to pick up weeks and weeks of mail. Wednesday we plan to go back to Bekoro for a session of examination of ministerial candidates, and then will prepare for field council. Do you think I will succeed in talking them and you into a helicopter?

Our visit home seems like something that must have been a nice dream. We are trying to fit the most of the unworked schedule into what time we have. This is the heavy planting season, and people are not available for classes if they have to leave their village. About September travel will again be open.

As ever, yours in Christ,
Jake

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While chatting with an aging surgeon friend of mine I asked the question, "Doc, do you ever worry about the time when your fingers will lose their skill?"

He paused for a moment and then replied, "No, pastor, but I do confess that at times I worry that the day may come when my heart will no longer feel the suffering of my patients."

One of the most frightening current fulfillments of prophetic Scripture is that men are losing natural affection. Showing emotion, particularly in the realm of spiritual experiences, is viewed as an indication of fanatical trends. Christians may unashamedly weep over the silly sentimentalism of TV and movies, or scream with uncontrolled joy or fury over a home run or touchdown. Yet the same Christians would be ashamed to display any emotion of contrition or joy in the atmosphere of public worship.

Something is wrong with the evangelical church! It has lost its passion for souls and its compassion for the lost. It glories in its orthodoxy and conservative theology, but it is dead orthodoxy and a robot type of theology. Seated comfortably in its rocking chair it earnestly sings, "Rescue the Perishing." In beautiful harmony but with dry eyes, its voice reminds us, "See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down."

May I shock you by saying the greatest need of the evangelical church is not the power of the Holy Spirit? That is ever available, but it cannot manifest itself or operate until there is created the only field in which it can be effective. The power of the Holy Spirit to multiply the loaves and fishes was demonstrated only after the heart of Jesus was moved with compassion as He saw the multitudes as sheep without a shepherd. It was a transformed and compassionate Peter who gave to the lame man the gift of health and movement. Every apostolic miracle and dynamic declaration of the Gospel was born in a human heart filled with divine compassion.

The church no longer has the sword in its soul. We cannot accept the Romanist's symbol of the bleeding heart of Mary, but it may have a significant suggestion for us. Simeon looked up into the lovely face of the young mother and said, "Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also" (Luke 2:35).

At a Sunday-school convention a pastor told me of his wayward teenage son. "He has broken almost every law of God and man. He is killing his mother with sorrow and is breaking my heart. I've tried everything. What can I do?"

Pressed for attention by other people, I abruptly asked, "Have you ever tried a *tender* tear?" He went away in anger at my strange suggestion. A year later we met at another convention. He greeted me with, "It worked! It worked! When I got home that night my boy was asleep. As I stood by his bed my heart was flooded with a new and tender compassion. I found myself on my knees clasping my boy to my heart and bathing his face with *tender* tears. Almost before I knew what was happening he was on his knees beside me weeping and both of us wept our way back to God. Tom's a new boy. Our home is radiant with happiness."

With surprising frequency God works through the sorrow of compassion. All of God's great servants have been refined in the crucible of sorrow and have been men who interacted with the tragedies about them.

Moses cried unto the Lord, "If thou will forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book" (Exod. 32:32).

Abraham faced the excruciating heartbreak of Moriah.

Daniel agonized in intercessory prayer as he identified himself with the guilt of his people (Dan. 9:3-4).

Jeremiah cried, "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of

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my people!" (Jer. 9:1).

Christ was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He wept over the unbelief of Martha and Mary. The rebellious rejection of himself by the people of Jerusalem broke His heart. He was grieved that His own received Him not.

Paul reminded the Ephesian elders, "By the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears" (Acts 20:31).

To Timothy, the Apostle wrote, "I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy."

We are trying to produce results with a soul that has never been pierced by the sword of vicarious sorrow. *Never has so much truth been preached with so little passion! Never have so many souls been reached, but the touch has been without emotion or conviction! Never have so many Sunday-school lessons been taught with so little compassion!*

In no other historical age have Christians known so much about tragic current events and cared less. Men and women, parents and youth, clergy and laity have been stricken by this strange and terrifying blindness to the implications of worldly and godless trends.

In our Christian homes the social has superseded the spiritual. The phone, social engagements and the TV have evicted the altar of prayer. The cares of life have driven Mary from the feet of Jesus to the place of employment, or the festive board supplanted the grace of the Holy Spirit. We are too busy to lead our children into the presence of God. We have little time for the Bible, and intensive study of the Scriptures is a lost art.

We permit our children to fill their minds and defile their hearts with the comic book, television, and a movie diet of crime, violence and sex. Our children are amazingly familiar with the stars of the stage, screen and sports, but we have failed to introduce to them the shining stars of the Bible and missions.

We worry over calories and vitamins but are not alarmed by spiritual deficiencies. I have seen Christian mothers weep over Johnnie's low school grades, and the same mothers laugh off Johnnie's growing tendency to steal and lie.

The hand that fondles the infant determines the course of history. Men seldom rise above the spiritual level of their fathers. The spiritual qualities of our pastors and the Sunday-school teachers of today will establish the spiritual vitality or anemia of tomorrow's church.

The world of missions is barren to great leadership. We have wonderful missionaries, but where are the Livingstones, the Moffats, the Bachs of yesteryear? In the area of flaming evangelism we have few giants.

What community change would occur if your church would instantly disappear from its location? Would the unconverted world view it as a tragedy and bemoan the loss of its influence?

Look at the first century church. "The multitude came together, and were confounded. . . . They were all amazed and marvelled. . . . They were pricked in their heart, and said . . . Men and brethren, what shall we do? . . . And fear came upon every soul. . . . They were filled with wonder and amazement. . . . They marvelled; and they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. . . . All men glorified God for that which was done. . . . The place was shaken where they were gathered together. . . . With great power gave they witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. . . . Of the rest durst no man join himself to them; but the people magnified them. . . . They were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. . . . These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also."

Is today's world less in need of a soul-jarring impact by the church?

What is the missing element in our churches and Sunday schools? Yes, in our lives?

We have a crisis without an awareness. Constantly surrounded by alarming trends we go blissfully on our way of apathy and heartless unconcern.

The crisis of the imminent return of the Lord Jesus is an unused part of our hymnology and creed. How much of a reality is it to us? How many of us have engraved upon our hearts the question and the exclamation, "Today? Perhaps!" Is it not true that to many of us the second appearing of Christ would be both surprising and inconvenient? We talk about heaven but build for time. We plan for tomorrow but not for eternity.

We have a soul without a sword. We have never vicariously entered into the sorrows and grief of the world. From our ivory tower of correct theology we tell sinners that Jesus loves them. It is all very professional, impassionate and impersonal. This is the explanation for our evangelistic impotency. This answers the question: Why are sinners unimpressed by our lives and unmoved by our message?

Of course we need the power of the Holy Spirit. But remember that power operates effectively only in the field of compassion.

Our hearts are not broken by the things that break the heart of God. Our eyes are never blinded by tender tears, tears of compassion. Our will detours around its Gethsemane. We emphasize the proclamation of the Gospel, but it is a proclamation without a passion.

We do need the old faith for the new frontiers. However, that old faith must be bonded to the old compassion, to meet the desperate problems, fears and hungers of the new frontiers.

While traveling up the Kwilu river in the Congo Republic, our boat docked at a native village. Scores of women, arms and heads laden with baskets of produce, crowded aboard the steamer to sell their produce to

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fter Childhood?

By C. Leslie Miller

Church News

KITTANNING, PA. The North Buffalo Brethren Church held a prophetic Bible conference on May 19, 21, and 22 with Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. A. Miller, of the American Board of Missions to the Jews. Church attendance has been better than any time in history, and twenty people have been received into the membership in the past four months. Fred W. Walter, pastor.

SELLERSBURG, IND. Rev. Glenn R. Coats, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, has announced his resignation to be effective the first of September or October. He has accepted the call to the Findlay, Ohio, Brethren Church.



ENGLEWOOD, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. Lon Karns (above) were in the spotlight Sunday, June 23, in a combined mortgage-burning ceremony and "This Is Your Life" program. The Englewood Brethren Church was packed with members and friends for the service, which was climaxed with the presentation of the keys to a shiny 1968 Oldsmobile. Many of those present for the afternoon meeting had enjoyed a fellowship meal at the church. It was thrilling to see charter members, people who had been saved through the ministry of the church, and couples who were married in the church stand in testimony to the Lord's blessing. The church membership has grown from 48 in 1953 to 250 at present. Rev. Irvin Miller has assumed the pastorate of the church.

CHANGES. Rev. John McKay is now pastor of the Good News Grace Brethren Church of Bowling Green, Ohio. His address is 1091 Varsity East, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. Grace Brethren Church, South Kinzer Ave., New Holland, Pa. Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Colburn, 3490 La Jara, Long Beach, Calif. 90805. Rev. and Mrs. Irvin B. Miller, 512 Lambert Lane, Englewood, Ohio 45322. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Sellers, R. R. 1, White Pigeon, Mich. 49099. All mail to Rev. Henry Rempel should go to the church, 904 S. 26th Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98902.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Grace Brethren Church was blessed and refreshed by the "Music from Mexico" program presented by the Emil Anderud Ensemble brass and vocal groups. The Anderud Ensemble has appeared in churches and youth rallies across America. Greater Mexican Missions, under the direction of Mr. Anderud, is heading up a personal witness at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico. Robert B. Collitt, pastor.

OMAHA, NEBR. Rev. Merlin Berkey has accepted the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church. He will assume his new duties Aug. 25.

YAKIMA, WASH. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held at the Grace Brethren Church on June 30. A Christian education unit is to be erected, also. Henry Rempel, pastor.

WHEATON, ILL. Over 50 training conferences will be conducted by Christian Service Brigade this fall. Built around the theme "Building Men to Serve," the conferences will confront pastors, Christian education directors, and all leaders of boys with today's issues and consider how men and boys can serve Christ effectively through the church. For information on the nearest conference write: Christian Service Brigade, Box 150, Wheaton, Ill. 60187.

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. The Good News Grace Brethren Church held a reception for Pastor and Mrs. John McKay and their newly-arrived son, Douglas Wayne. A time of refreshments and a devotional by former pastor Marion Thomas were followed by the presentation of a table of canned goods and a very generous love gift for the baby.

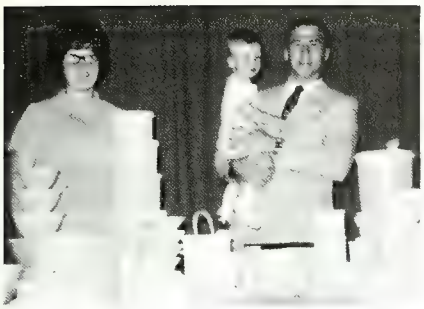
BARBERTON, OHIO. Rev. Kenneth Cosgrove has assumed the pastorate of the First Brethren Church of Norton here. He began his ministry on July 3. All mail for him should be sent to the church, 3970 Cleveland-Massilon Rd., Barberton, Ohio 44203. Please change your *Annual.*

LISTIE, PA. In the absence of a pastor at the Listie Brethren Church, all mail is to be sent to the secretary of the church, Miss Sarah Good, R. R. 1, Friedens, Pa. 15541.

WATERLOO, IOWA. The Friendship Village retirement home was dedicated with an open house June 29-30, with Dr. Bob Smith, of St. Paul Bethel College, as featured speaker. Rev. John Aeby, pastor of the Waterloo Grace Brethren Church, is president of the board of trustees of Friendship Village.

September Bible Reading Calendar

SEPTEMBER			
DATE	MORNING	EVENING	
1	PSA. 148 TO 150	I COR.	11:16-34
2	PROVERBS 1, 2	I COR.	12
3	PROVERBS 3, 4	I COR.	13
4	PROVERBS 5, 6	I COR.	14:1-20
5	PROVERBS 7, 8	I COR.	14:21-40
6	PROV. 9, 10	I COR.	15:1-32
7	PROV. 11, 12	I COR.	15:33-58
8	PROV. 13, 14	I COR.	16
9	PROV. 15, 16	II COR.	1
10	PROV. 17, 18	II COR.	2
11	PROV. 19, 20	II COR.	3
12	PROV. 21, 22	II COR.	4
13	PROV. 23, 24	II COR.	5
14	PROV. 25, 26, 27	II COR.	6
15	PROV. 28, 29	II COR.	7
16	PROV. 30, 31	II COR.	8
17	ECC. 1, 2, 3	II COR.	9
18	ECC. 4, 5, 6	II COR.	10
19	ECC. 7, 8, 9	II COR.	11:1-15
20	ECC. 10, 11, 12	II COR.	11:16-33
21	SOL. 1, 2, 3	II COR.	12
22	SOLOMON 4, 5	II COR.	13
23	SOL. 6, 7, 8	GALATIANS	1
24	ISAIAH 1, 2, 3	GALATIANS	2
25	ISAIAH 4, 5, 6	GALATIANS	3
26	ISAIAH 7, 8, 9	GALATIANS	4
27	ISA. 10, 11, 12	GALATIANS	5
28	ISA. 13, 14, 15	GALATIANS	6
29	ISA. 16, 17, 18	EPHESIANS	1
30	ISA. 19, 20, 21	EPHESIANS	2



Rev. and Mrs. Farner with the Tupperware presented by the WMC ladies.

OPPORTUNITY, WASH. The Opportunity Grace Brethren Church had the Tim Farners, missionary candidates for Brazil, for the morning and evening services on June 30. A record attendance was reached in both the morning (54) and evening (39) services. In the evening service the Farners were presented with a Tupperware shower. Don Farner, Jr., pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The new Board of Evangelism film will be shown for the first time during the national conference in Winona Lake. The showing will be on Friday evening, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. Those within driving distance of Winona Lake are encouraged to attend this meeting.

MYERSTOWN, PA. The work at Myerstown, Pennsylvania, has been accepted as a home-mission church. Rev. Roy Dice is the pastor on an interim basis. The work, starting as a Bible class about one year ago, has shown substantial growth. The people are presently meeting in a fire department hall. The district mission board of the North Atlantic District is assisting in the work.

ASHLAND, OHIO. Rev. Knute Larson has accepted the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church (W. Tenth St.). He will probably assume his new position in mid-September. For the past two years Mr. Larson has been associate pastor of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Dianna Snively and David Gustafson, June 28, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Janice Sullivan and Garry Garfield, June 1, La Habra Brethren Church, La Habra, Calif.

Marla Chapman and Jerry Herwig, July 6, Grace Brethren Church, Elyria, Ohio.

Linda Jordan and Ralph Myers, July 6, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Geneva Hunter and John Augustine, June 12, Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

Wanda Hofer and Dean Boyd, June 15, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Sue Penaluna and Jim Gorsh, July 6, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Carol Moulton and Garvin G. Gilbertson, July 9, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Connie Lee Yarman and Donald E. McLaughlin, Aug. 3, Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Donna Jean Wagner and Nelson C. Liskey, May 25, Grace Brethren Church, Palmyra, Pa.

Judy Miller and Charles Eidt, June 8, Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Vivian Byers and Ron Weimer, June 8, Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

Kathryn Alic Emery and Larry Lyle Forqueran, June 12, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Doris Riley and Lewis Brubaker, June 15, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

Sandra Gail Cole and Roger Engeman, June 14, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Bobbi Lee Lloyd and Michael Ray Coppenger, June 15, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Phyllis Cannon and Roger Wambold, June 15, Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Cynthia Branson and Dallas Falb, June 15, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Marcia Lynn Davisson and Richard Edward Rahrig, June 22, Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio.

Rebecca Joann Suffecool and James L. Fournier, June 22, Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.

Patricia Ann Myers and Alfred Pino, June 22, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Sonya Felix and Roger Reininger, June 22, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Elsie Diffenderfer and Galen Wiley, June 9, Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pa.

MISSIONARY HERALD CORPORATION MEETING

The annual meeting of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. will be held on August 16 at 10 a.m. in the Assembly auditorium at Winona Lake, Ind. All corporation members are urged to be in attendance.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BELCICH, Charles, 47, a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio, was killed when he was struck by lightning on June 24. James M. Kennedy, pastor.

COLEMAN, Roy, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died on Sunday, June 23. Jack K. Peters, Sr., pastor.

FLORY, Mrs. Laura, a faithful member of the La Habra Brethren Church, La Habra, Calif., died on June 13. Robert Hill, pastor.

GUTHRIE, Mrs. Edna A., 87, died July 16 after an extended illness. A member of the Ankenytown (Ohio) Grace Brethren Church for 77 years, she was very active in church work in her earlier years. One of her three surviving sons, Wayne Guthrie, is chief accountant at the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Winona Lake, Ind. Funeral services were conducted at the Ankenytown church by her pastor, Rev. Larry Gegner, with Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, of Winona Lake, Ind., participating.

HUNGATE, Mr. William, 60, a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., died on June 24. Robert B. Collitt, pastor.

IMHOFF, Gerald, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, died on June 13.

KING, Lloyd S., 64, a member of the Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash., died on June 20. Charles H. Winter, pastor.

SPRINGER, Mrs. Thelma, 41, a faithful member and assistant in the Cradle Roll Department of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md. Robert C. Collitt, pastor.

The Christian's Education

By Betty Dell

Daniel's first test in the Babylon court came when he was a teen-ager, but his best-known and probably hardest test was almost his "final exam," for it was an old man who refused to bow to the king's idol in preference to obedience to his unseen God. So, for the Christian, "school" never lets out; learning is lifelong.

Unlike students in any classroom in the world, we have a perfect Teacher. He knows not only what we put down on paper, but also what is left inside our heads after exams and, more important, what is in our hearts. He gives us exactly the lessons we need. Some of them may seem dull routine to us, as we don't know that they may be solid background which will prove essential to us later. Some may seem simple review, but we forget how well a lesson needs to be known to be applied when necessary. Some exams seem too advanced for us, and we feel that somewhere we missed the chapter with that material and didn't have it in our notes. We think the Teacher got mixed up and gave us somebody else's paper. But He has told us that His lessons are not too hard, and that we are really able to pass the tests with His help.

Fortunately, when we feel totally ignorant and impotent, we may remember that all of our Heavenly Teacher's exams are open-Book exams. The instructions and help are all there in the written Word, and we are invited to search the Scriptures. We have all the ground rules, the obstacles outlined, the definitions given, and the materials provided.

One of the often-deplored lacks in our present American school system is the lack of personal attention a busy professor is able to give when he has hundreds of pupils coming to him daily, with all the attendant planning and grading. This is a difficulty the Christian student doesn't have. Each Christian has his personal Tutor to help him with every lesson. This Tutor always has time to repeat patiently for our dullness, to prod our lethargy, to stimulate us out of inertia, and to motivate us to our best achievement. The only thing He can't and won't do is the learning. A teacher can make a conducive learning situation, providing the materials and information, but only the pupil can learn. It is sadly possible for a student to sit in a classroom before a competent teacher and among eager companions and be exposed to an education that doesn't "take." There must be a desire to learn and to know. So the Lord may give us opportunities to know Him and His will, but we must have willing hearts and minds or we will stay in our preprimers till He takes us home from school.

All learning is cumulative. God doesn't give us integral calculus before addition and subtraction, but does as He instructed parents to do, teach "line

upon line, precept upon precept." He may give us so many small lessons that we weary of them, not aware of His intended "pop quiz." Many of the Christian's trials are just that, so it behooves us to do our homework faithfully along the way. The Open Book says, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10). The drilling and the phonics and the spelling practices are essential, and without them no more advanced learning can take place.

Nobody arrives at the conclusion of his education—at least not until graduation, when we shall "know as we are known." Once upon an era, when a pupil had gone through the whole eight grades in the one-room schoolhouse, he could advance to the teacher's desk. In some ways in the Christian schoolhouse there is an analogy, for though we never "know it all," we can teach and help others in a lower grade along the way. But today, the grade school is the anteroom of the high school. The high school grad is now qualified to learn a task on the assembly line in a factory. Next comes the college degree. Neither is that the end. There is postgraduate work. So our great saint said, "I press on . . ." and another saint nearing graduation said, "If we say we have not sinned, we deceive ourselves." How dull it would be if the course were finished and we had no more to learn!

Another benefit in this, God's school of life for His children, is our fellow classmates. We have many examples in the Open Book of those who were able to complete the course with



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credit, even though we are plainly told that they were made out of the same clay as we are. We know it can be done. We see our contemporary Christians successfully passing quiz after quiz, test after test. And they provoke us to good works. Sadly sometimes we see some who have refused to study and learn, and the lives of these "drop-outs" is an example of "wood, hay, and stubble" to deter us from that path.

In the same classroom there may be honor students, ordinary "C" students, and some without the capacity for that grade. The excellent teacher is able to meet each student on his own level and lead him upward. And how excellent is our Teacher! He never asks me to learn your lesson nor you mine, and He grades according to capacity. "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (II Cor. 8:12). And He is the Counselor who leads us into the proper course for *us*. If every Christian scholar will listen to Him, there will be no "round pegs in square holes," as He bestows gifts and trains us in the best way if we are tractible students.

Just as school children learn many extracurricular lessons on their vacation, such as the nature of a crawdad, the force of water pressure, the vitamin content of the sunshine, and how to get along with the other kids in the Little League, so there is no "time out" for the Christian. Even recess has some sweet and blessed lessons for us from our faithful and beloved Teacher. ▼

COMPASSION . . .

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the crewmen. As one woman stepped across the gap separating the steamer from the oil barge lashed to its side, her foot slipped on the slick deck. Her baskets flew in all directions. As she fell into the water she managed to grasp hold of the edge of the deck with her finger tips.

In sheer terror she screamed, "Help me! Save me!" Scores of her relatives and friends shouted, screamed and almost trampled her fingers, but not one person put down her produce to grasp the woman's wrist and pull her to safety. Finally, her fingers slipped and she was drawn beneath the boat by the vicious currents. Far down the river I saw a black hand rise above the surface of the water, and then disappear.

The furious captain demanded, "Why didn't you help her? She is your relative from your own village." As innocently as though no tragedy had been involved they replied, "But we might have dropped and lost some of our produce had we tried to save her."

Heartless? Yes. This is paganism. But is it not possible that there is a closer application? How much do we as Christian parents really care about the spiritual condition of our children? Does the unsaved condition of our Sunday-school students so crush our hearts that we go home from our class to weep and fast rather than to feast? Do we as pastors, conscious of the need for revival in our churches and the lack of power in our evangelism, cry to God, "Give me children, or else I die" (Gen. 30:1)?

Late one Saturday evening a pastor was working and praying in preparation for the morrow. He answered his phone and could hear only the sound of a woman sobbing. Then he recognized the voice of one of his finest Sunday-school teachers. "Pastor, forgive me for calling you at this late hour. But my heart is so burdened for the boys in my class that I feel I can't live unless God saves them. Please, pastor, please pray for them."

And God did save them! Her lesson, tempered with tears and born in a heart pierced by the sword of compassion, brought eight boys, every member of her class, to the Lord the following morning!

Never has the evangelical church been so efficiently organized. Our brains are filled with the finest methods and techniques. We have at our disposal superb equipment and mechanics. In the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ we have a dynamic message. The Holy Spirit is ready to operate in supernatural force through the body of Christ. Time is running out on us as the coming of Christ approaches. Combine all these assets and factors with the essential ingredient, the compassion of the love of God, and once again the forces of sin will cry out in consternation, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 17:6). ▼

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The Smallest Missionary

By Evelyn Carlisle

It was a miserable, sultry day when I climbed up a flight of stairs to my lesson. The clarinet dangled heavily from my left hand. I tried to mop my sweaty brow with the unoccupied arm while juggling the music and my purse in my right hand.

An empty row of seats lined up against the wall in the hallway bothered me. Just why, I wasn't sure.

Cool air greeted me from the air conditioner as I walked into the cubicle of a room called a studio. It was still early, and there was time to practice.

As I was about to begin, the door opened. In came my young, bewhiskered teacher, Mr. Gary. He looked over the top of his glasses, which were creeping slightly down his nose, and said, "I'm afraid you'll have to practice in another room. An unexpected student is coming for his lesson." He stroked his beard.

When he opened the door of an empty room, the hot air came rushing out! There was no air conditioning. What a place to practice! After blowing a few squawks on the clarinet, my mouth felt stuffed with cotton. I went down the hall to get a drink of water and noticed again that empty row of seats. They seemed to say, "What an opportunity to be a missionary!"

Picking out an interesting tract from my purse, I put it on one of the seats, prayed for the finder, and went back to the practice room.

Soon there was a commotion coming up the stairway! The gay ripple of young voices came echoing down the hall.

"Hey man—look! It's one of those church things!" A teen-age girl said breathlessly.

After the lesson I looked for the tract on the floor and in the waste paper basket. It was gone. Perhaps the girl took it. Rejoicing, I went down the stairway, almost forgetting about the hot day.

"People are too busy to hear you talk to them about Christ, even if they want to—and most of the time they don't," I mused.

Looking around, I began to notice the tired, headachy people about me. The tract called "How To Live Above Fear" seemed a good one to give them.

"But how?" I asked myself. The answer echoed back to me. "Hand them out wherever you can or leave them somewhere to be easily found."

It wasn't long before I was challenged with many ways to do this!

Having had a burden for some time in behalf of the Negro people in the Watts area in Los Angeles, I prayed that God would send a Negro man there to tell them about Christ.

Standing in a grocery store line-up one time, I asked the Lord to show me someone to whom I should give a tract. A well-dressed Negro man next in line to me was staring in the opposite direction, looking dejected. He kept his distance, and it seemed impossible to give him a tract. But still there remained this great urge!

Taking a tract from my purse, I walked back to him.

"Here's something for you to read while waiting," I said. He took it and began to read, barely observing me.

Before leaving the store, I glanced back. He was still reading the tract.

Surely a weary traveler will welcome a beautiful scene in a public washroom. As he washes off the day's grime and reads a tract called "Four Things God Wants You to Know," he is refreshed in more ways than one. Standing these tracts up helps them to be easily seen. Sometimes I go back and leave another one, if someone has taken the first one.

What a field the ever-busy phone booths are! "Get With It Man!" captivates the teen-ager. Who else has the time to use phone booths? Putting tracts in public phone booths really scatters the precious seed!

If the booth is near our home, I go back to it in a day or so and put in a different tract. Only once has one been left on a second visit. It had fallen to the floor. Someone is taking them!

As I sat in our car one day, waiting for my husband to come out of our neighborhood grocery store, a man walked out of the phone booth nearby. He was reading one of the tracts I had put there. He looked inebriated, and his clothes were quite shabby. I prayed fervently for him.

We may not always see results from this type of missionary work. But, oh, how wonderful to know that God's Word will not return to Him void!

Here's a tip that gets to the point: leave tip tracts at lunch counters—but with a good tip! It's quite effective.

One time our family visited a coffee shop for dinner. Our daughter and I each left a tip with a "Take a Tip" tract under our plates. A busboy cleaned the table. After we left, we noticed through the window that he read one tract and kept it and gave the other one to the waitress with her tip.

A teller in our bank thanked me for a tract and laid it down beside her. Sometime later I gave a teller in another window a booklet called "When Ma Wouldn't Give Up." I



started away, but she called me back. I didn't know what to expect!

"Aren't you the lady who gave me a tract in another window a week or so ago?" she asked.

We had a nice talk through the bank window. She told me about the trouble she was having with her teenage son. She had accepted Christ but was in great need of Christian fellowship. This booklet was just right for her problem!

"I'm so happy to find a Christian who isn't ashamed to talk about it," she said.

Soon after that she left the employ of our bank. It was the last time I saw her. What a great privilege to have been able to help her even that much!

Halloween is a grand time to spread the Gospel, also. One year after giving out all of our candy, gum and Halloween tracts, we started to "close up shop." There was a bang on the door indicating some more callers. When I opened the door, I was left speechless! Five college men, dressed for the occasion, meekly said, "Trick or treat!"

"When did adults start to 'trick or treat'? I asked.

"Come on—let's get out of here," one of them said.

Weeks later, I still felt bad about not giving them a tract. I'd wake up in a sweat at night thinking about how I could have given these young men a real reason for living. It looked as if they were searching for one.

Forgiveness from the Lord was sweet. But I resolved that from then on *all* the "hobgoblins" who came to our door on Halloween would get the Word of God one way or another—regardless of age.

One little girl came back after Halloween one year and said, "My mother likes this booklet. Would you please give us some more?" It was called "From Ashes to Flame."

A tired housewife may be waiting for that never-coming bus. After the family has finished its Christian magazines, why not leave *them* on the bus or park benches?

During the time I was a member of the Pasadena City College Community Orchestra, I prayed for an opening to witness to the twenty-five to thirty members. God gave me one—Christmas!

Practice was so busy it was very difficult to talk to anyone. When the director planned a social for the orchestra members the last night of our Christmas program practice, I knew this was my opportunity.

Using little plastic bags, I put in colorful Christmas tracts, facing the cozy fireplace scene outside. Each bag was partly filled with nuts, gum and candy and tied with a different colored ribbon.

The director was pleased with the project and even had one of the orchestra members help me to distribute them. Before dismissal, almost all the members personally thanked me for the "attractive gift."

Perhaps you will find other effective ways of sowing the Good News—praying, as you sow, for the seed and the finder. What better treasure could a person find than the Word of God?

"God gave the increase" (I Cor. 3:6). ▼

Ladies! - Remember to Give to the National Publications Offering This Month!

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"Hats Off to Southern Ohio"

The blessings of the Lord have been many throughout this past year in the Southern Ohio District WMC. Being district president was never high on my list of "musts." However, I have found that it is not so difficult, provided you have a good board with which to work, as well as many willing helpers from each council. Whether we are leaders or followers, our enthusiasm for the Lord's work will have an important effect on our co-workers.

At our fall rally Mrs. James Marshall was our speaker. An offering of over $150 was given toward the church at Sinking Spring, Ohio, to assist them in the furnishing of their new building. We also gave seventy-five TV and Green Stamp books toward the Grace College bus. When you get women to part with that many stamp books, they are really interested in a project!

We have decided to make a workshop for all local council officers an annual affair, as all those attending felt much had been learned to help them.

In February we held a husbands and wives sweetheart banquet at a local restaurant, with Rev. Robert Dungy, then of the Fremont, Ohio, Brethren Chapel, as our speaker. We appreciated very much his presentation of our racial problems of today.



All the ladies in the hat show depicting local council projects.

Our spring rally was a date we'll not soon forget, for that day the Dayton area was hit by the worst snowstorm of the season. Our speaker was to have been Mrs. Tom Julien. Even though no rally was held, an offering of more than $150 was mailed in for the upkeep of the missionary residences in Winona Lake, Indiana. It was also on this evening that I experienced my own little "storm." My little son chose that night to arrive!



Mrs. Samuel Grice, district project chairman, presenting items for camp use to camp director G. Forrest Jackson.

For our year's project we had chosen printing equipment and supplies for the Argentina field. We were thrilled to receive $322.33 toward this project. Another project was items for use at our district camp. The Lord wonderfully blessed, in that every item requested was received, including an exhaust fan, two step stools, a veg-a-matic, and many other things too numerous to mention.

On the last afternoon of district conference we had a hat show, depicting local projects our councils had accomplished. The ladies really outdid themselves, and giving their reports in this manner proved an interesting highlight.

We are looking forward with anticipation to the coming year with new projects, fresh ideas, and, hopefully, more ladies working in WMC.—*Mrs. Russell Ward, district president* ▼

Welcome to the 29th Annual Conference of the *Women's Missionary Council*

THEME:

"The Victorious Life"

SESSIONS:

Tuesday, August 13 through Saturday, August 17

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MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

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Mrs. Edwin D. Johnson October 4
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic

Kimberly Joe Cone October 14, 1953
B.P. 10, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Karisse Ann Cone October 16, 1957
B.P. 10, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Hans Scheidegger October 17
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Marvin L. Goodman October 22
B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic

Daniel Eugene Peters October 27, 1955
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Joseph Edman Beaver October 27, 1963
B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Harold L. Dunning October 29
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA–

Viki Jo Cover October 9, 1955
Marcelo Alvear 703, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.

BRAZIL–

Sharon Marie Schwartz October 2, 1960
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Timothy Roy Burk October 8, 1958
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Edward Douglas Miller October 8, 1952
Caixa Postal 368, Belem, Para, Brazil

Mrs. Bill A. Burk October 18
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Mr. Roger L. Saurer October 21
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

FRANCE–

Jacqueline Sue Julien October 19, 1964
Chateau de St. Albain, 71–Fleurville, France

MEXICO–

Sharon Louise Churchill October 5, 1959
518 Blackshaw Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

Jonathan Paul Dowdy October 12, 1962
5864 Teal Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924

Martin Paul Guerena October 31, 1960
Apartado 8–961, Mexico 8, D.F.

IN THE UNITED STATES–

Mrs. Edmund M. Leech October 2
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Rev. George A. Johnson October 5
195 Rowland Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio 44903

Mrs. Roy B. Snyder October 20
715 Chandler Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111

Treasure of Salvation

A treasure costs something, whether in thought, in effort, or in money.

To SMM girls the word "salvation" is not strange sounding. But have you ever thought about what it really means? What, if anything, did salvation cost God?

Salvation basically means being saved or rescued from something not so good and delivered to something that is better. When I was in high school, our dramatics club put on a play which did not promise to be exceptionally good. At the last minute the leading actor became ill, and his understudy had to step into his part. To the delight of the cast, faculty, and audiences the play was a howling success. I overheard a faculty-advisor say: "Jim [the leading character understudy] was the salvation of the play." In other words, Jim rescued that play from mediocrity at best or failure at worst, and by his excellent performance "saved" everything for the school.

Salvation, as Christians know it, means being rescued from sin. It is a treasure of infinite worth because it has to do with more than this life. Although God saves all who in this life "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 16:31), we still have to live on in the presence of sin in this world. (That doesn't mean we should partake of or participate in sin, but we must recognize its force and power and get the victory over it through Christ.) Salvation will take us from the presence of sin some glad day into the very Presence of the One who became our salvation when He died on Calvary's cross many years ago.

Earthly treasures such as silver, gold, jewels, stocks and bonds, houses and lands cannot be taken with us into eternity. They'll do us no good in the grave. But the treasure of God's salvation which He offers freely to all people will carry us into a beautiful, sinless eternity with our wonderful Lord.

This salvation is a free gift just for the taking. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

However, although it is a free gift, it did cost God a great deal. It cost Him the dearest Treasure of heaven, His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Is this Treasure of salvation yours?

—Mrs. Robert Miller

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Carolyn Luce, last year's winner wants to know . . .

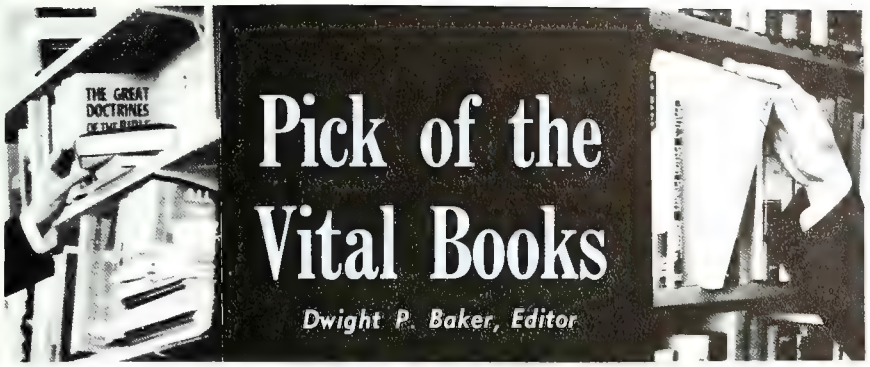


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- On Friday learn about the missionary emphasis of SMM.



Men Who Dared

Barbara Jurgensen (Wheaton, Illinois: Tyndale House, Publishers, 1967), 133 pages, paper, $1.95.

Mrs. Jurgensen combines breezy introductions, cartoons, and Kenneth N. Taylor's Living Prophecies in a desperate attempt to make the Minor Prophets sound contemporary, colloquial, and youthful.

The Romance of Winning Children

Frank G. Coleman (Cleveland, Ohio: Union Gospel Press, 1967), 224 pages, paper, $1.95.

Those who work with primary through junior high children will be infinitely rewarded by the careful perusal and practice of the useful tips in this book. Out of a wealth of experience, Frank Coleman tells how to lead and teach songs, tell stories, use visual aids, plan programs, and give an invitation effectively. Careful consideration is given to getting and keeping attention and discipline problems.

The title is slightly misleading, because much more space is given to practical know-how than to the theory and challenge of reaching children for Christ.

Frank Coleman, now with the Lord, was a Brethren pastor and also served for years as a Child Evangelism director. His book first appeared in 1948 and is no less timely today. It is one of the most practical books for children's workers that I have seen.—*Ralph Colburn*

Your Teen-ager and You

Anna B. Mow (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1967), 96 pages, $2.95.

Dr. Mow provides a probing analysis of what causes a breakdown in communications between parents and their teen-agers.

Her thesis is that love supplies the only answer to troubled relationships. "Isn't it strange that we accept love for our daily living as long as all goes well, but when relationships get difficult, we go back to the ways of the world? Christian parents and children, husbands and wives, seem to have as much trouble in their relationships as their non-believing neighbors do."

This book will make any Christian parent take a good, hard look at himself and his relationships within the home. Dr. Mow's emphasis is not on our teen-agers (the place where many would place the blame), but on parents, asking them to show their growing, groping, yearning teen-agers the *love-way* out of difficulties into the maturity of the love of God.

Any pastor or parent would benefit from reading this book.—*Robert D. Whited*

Any of the books reviewed on this page may be ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. We pay postage.

How to Search the Scriptures

Lloyd M. Perry and Robert D. Culver (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1967), 276 pages, $4.95.

This book offers practical methods of Bible study for the individual. Eleven specific methods and several general approaches are discussed in quite a detailed manner. Examples taken from Scripture illustrate each.

An excellent resume of the doctrine of Scripture is included. Another chapter gives the examples and recommendations of seventeen prominent professional people. The last section of the book, which presents a three-step process which should precede the formation of a sermon outline, will be of particular interest to pastors.

This is a well-written and scholarly book but within the grasp of the average person. A strong emphasis is placed on seeing and knowing God, and allowing Him to speak through the pages of His Word.—*Mert Lambert*

We Spoke for God

John Calvin Reid (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1967), 122 pages, $3.50.

Dr. Reid has produced a delightful and refreshing little book. He writes from the viewpoint of the prophets themselves (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, and Malachi). He very vividly recaptures their lives and times with a brilliant and respectful imagination. The days of these prophets were filled with political and social upheaval, and an anticipation for the coming Messiah. The relevance for this day and age is inescapable.

My only objection to the book is the chapter dedicated to the "Unknown Prophet." This prophet supposedly wrote the last twenty-seven chapters of the Book of Isaiah. In my opinion, Dr. Reid's fruitful imagination was working overtime in suggesting two authors to Isaiah.

I'm sure this book will capture the interest of anyone interested in a new perception of the Old Testament prophets.—*Richard G. Messner*



Christian Literature

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4).

We are often inclined to think that the emphasis on Christian literature in recent years is something new. It is true that there is a renewed emphasis, but it is not new.

As proof of this fact we need but look at the Bible—the written Word of God. In an article, "Literature: A Must for This Hour" (*Floodtide Spring,* 1961), G. Christian Weiss of the Back to the Bible Broadcast says: "God has used *writing* as His means of self-revelation to the world. He made known His nature and will to men in writing. . . . Compare the countries of the world that have not had the Bible with those who have and the contrast is as distinct as night and day. This in itself is a firm proof of the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures and the light and life they bring." Mr. Weiss goes on to say, "The program of producing and disseminating Christian literature is not one originated with man but with God. God is essentially a writer; His disciples and followers must likewise be writers. Christian literature is actually a part of the divine plan of redemption."

A few years ago missionaries emphasized schools, medical work, or evangelism as the main thrust of missions. And these are important and should never be minimized or abandoned. But today the main thrust is not these. It is Christian literature. We are getting back to the original method of Gospel communication—the written word.

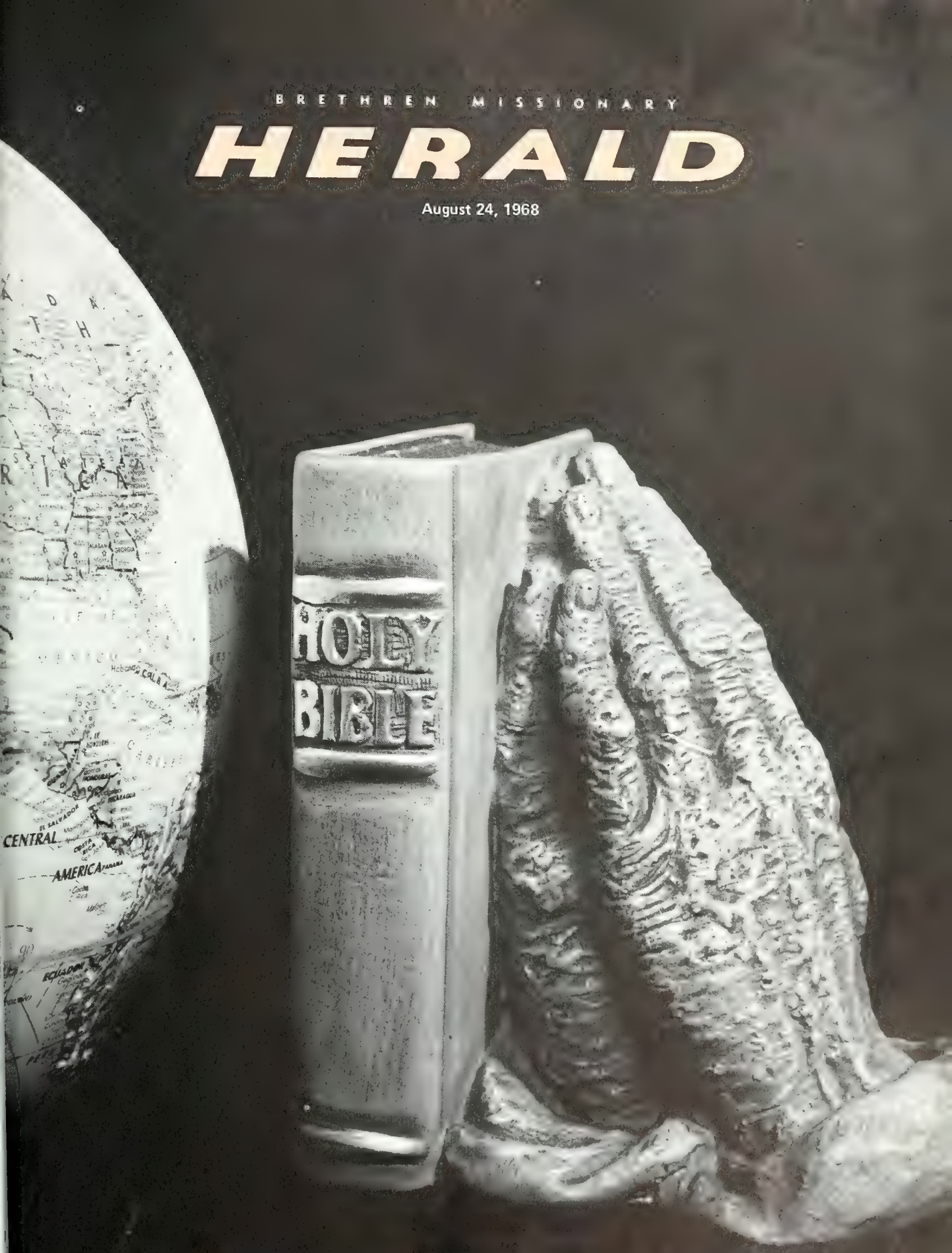
The reasons for this are logical. Millions are learning to read every year in every part of the globe. But in many cases, though we have taught them to read, they have nothing to read except what the Communists provide for them. And they do provide more than any other agency in the world. And so we have unwittingly played into the hands of the enemy of all that missions stand for. The answer is not that we should not teach them to read. The answer is that we need to provide literature for them to read which will help them to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. That is why the thrust of missions has changed.

In our country there is no dearth of literature, but most of it is secular, materialistic or salacious. And so we need Christian literature not only to counteract the evil but to lead men and women, boys and girls in the way that they should go. We need to present a continuing testimony for Christ. We need to provide encouragement, help and spiritual food. We need to call attention to and give scriptural direction on the issues of the day, even though this may make us uncomfortable and shock our prejudices. Only then can our printed page be truly prophetic.

It is obvious that in our present-day world we need to employ more fully the original method of Gospel communication—the written word. Too long has a lack of vision and a consequent lack of workers, funds, and prayers hindered us. Yet these are all factors which we can remedy once we get the vision.

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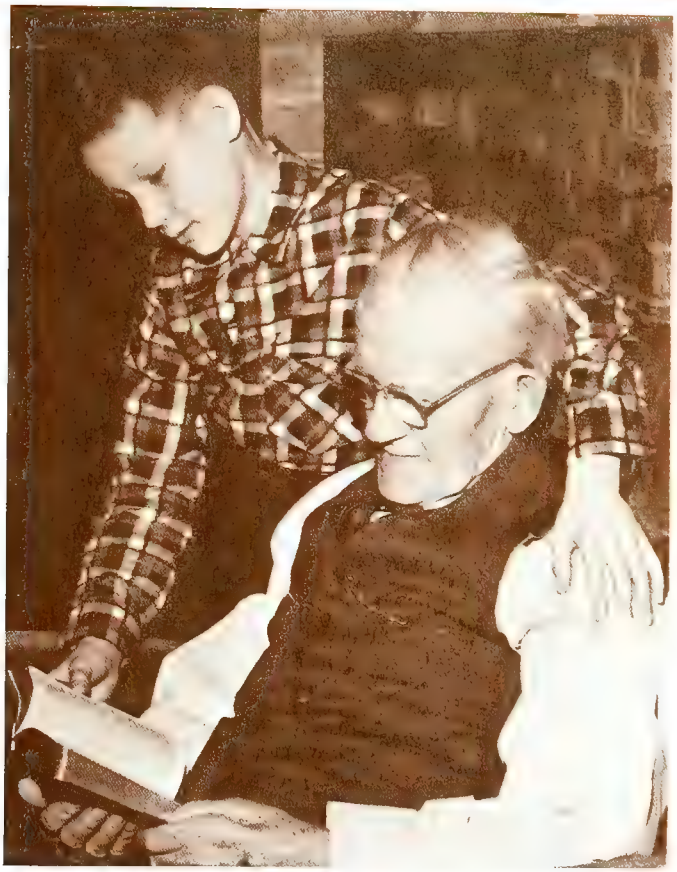
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To Show That We Care



Is it possible that you could forget a faithful friend? We don't like to admit it, but it is. Being separated from him for a long period of time, meeting and associating with new friends, and getting overly occupied with personal affairs makes this altogether possible.

Too often this is true in the church in relation to pastors and other Christian workers who have retired. Many times these faithful servants of the Lord are still active in their witness but have retired from official service. As they step from the limelight of public service, it is very easy not only to forget but also to neglect them.

The business world has detailed plans for caring for its employees. The U.S. government has indicated its interest through the elaborately planned Social Security program. And the Scriptures seem to indicate that there was concern on the part of the Early Church for those needing help. Should the church today care less?

Many excuses can be found for doing nothing about the problem. It is easy to say, "Let the government care for them," "Each one can make his own retirement plan through saving his money over the years," or, "Our small denomination can't afford such a program." Excuses are not sufficient. Only as we have *reasons*—yes, reasons acceptable to God—can we with good conscience do nothing about this matter.

There is a plan in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches whereby retired pastors can have a retirement plan. In 1948 The Board of Emergency and Retirement Benefits was established for this purpose. Through a joint participation on the part of the pastor and participating churches the pastor is eligible for retirement benefits at age 65, or when he officially retires. Benefits are granted earlier in the case of disability, and benefits are continued to the widow upon the death of the retiree. But due to the fact that this is a voluntary plan, too few have entered it. As of August 1, 1968, only 69 Brethren Churches and 62 ministers were in the program. Presently 16 retired pastors or their widows are receiving benefits.

Only two of our national boards have either a full or partial plan of retirement benefits for their workers. These workers, as well as our pastors, are deserving of help in setting up a program which will supplement Social Security when their earning power has declined. It is becoming increasingly difficult for children to care for elderly parents, and the cost of nursing homes is becoming almost prohibitive.

Surely, the church should be happy to participate in this matter. It is not a chore; it is a privilege. It is not an expense; it is an investment. It is a ministry for the Lord, in that it is a ministry for God's faithful servants.

As a denomination we should raise our voice in support of a program of retirement. Churches can obtain information from The Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits. Most of our pastors are acquainted with the plan and could instruct the churches. The constituencies of the national boards should encourage the boards in plans for retirement programs. Such support will be greatly appreciated by the Christian workers, and it will give them even greater contentment in their work. And it will give to all of us the peace of mind that comes from faithful stewardship. ▼

Charity Begins at Home



By Rev. Robert Thompson

"Charity begins at home." This homiletic cameo probably originated with someone who wished to avoid his responsibilities to others. In an attempt to salve an outraged conscience, he simply rationalized the situation with this poetic cliche. In spite of its uncertain origin and its misuse through the years it does contain a great missionary message. The New Testament reveals this to be an essential element of world evangelism. Recurring like a lovely refrain throughout the Word of God is the truth that love for the lost should begin at home. The practical aspect of this is beautifully illustrated in the record of Andrew's witnessing to his brother, and in the story of the woman at the well of Sychar who hurried into her community to report of "the one who told me all things that ever I did." These are but two of the many instances recorded in the New Testament of the practical application of the home mission principle.

The Lord Jesus himself gave us an outline for missions in the first chapter of Acts, where we read, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The emphasis on reaching Jerusalem first stands out in bold relief. Before any world effort was to be undertaken, there was to be a proper dispensation of the truth at home. Believing, as we do, that this verse gives us a blueprint of missions, we must conclude that America is our twentieth-century Jerusalem. To some this idea is not readily acceptable. There is a reluctance to admit that a religious nation such as America with all of its scientific progress can be a prospect for missions. Some have gone so far as to suggest that "home missions" is a paradox—a contradiction of terms. Plagued with the conviction that this interpretation of missions is far more widespread than we care to admit, I determined to delve further into the issue. In an effort to confirm (or deny) this opinion, I devised a simple test and gave it to a number

of candidates. My object was to discover what mental image they conceived upon hearing the word "missions." All those tested associated it with some form of foreign activity. I do not suggest that this, in itself, is bad, but I do suggest that it indicates a serious deficiency in our comprehension of a Biblical definition of missions. If the following remarks appear to thrust the pendulum of emphasis too far in the opposite direction, it is only in an attempt to achieve a more efficient mechanism to evangelize the world.

In support of our theme that charity should begin at home, there are a number of factors to be considered. There comes to mind immediately the priority given to the home front in the Scriptures. Since our motto, "The Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible," is a statement of our relationship to the Word of God, it does not seem incongruous that we comply with its explicit command. In nearly every instance of missionary activity mentioned in the New Testament there is the truth, either expressed or inferred, that the message of the Gospel was to go first to the immediate community and then to spread out in ever-widening circles to the uttermost parts of the earth. Paul commended the Thessalonian Christians for their exemplary testimony in sounding out the Word of the Lord "not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place" (I Thess. 1:8).

Another advantage in thinking first of the fields at home is their proximity. It is inconceivable that we should expect every member of The Brethren Church to serve the Lord in some far-off land. But if we recognize America as a mission field, then it is possible to visualize ourselves as missionaries in the truest sense. Only by erasing from our minds any preconceived geographical limitations can we expect to get a full-orbed view of the world for which Jesus died. The love that prompts a man to testify for Christ must not be circumscribed by geography or measured by cost of transportation. The motivating compassion that sends a man halfway around the world is of no greater efficacy than that which urges a Christian to go to his neighbor and invite him to believe in Jesus Christ.

Still another factor that must be considered in our study of America as a true mission field is the prevalence of its pagan customs. A stroll through the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco or along the brightly lighted sunset strip of Hollywood will forever dispel any illusions of America's spiritual superiority. Here amid the cacophonous sounds of electric amplifiers one can detect the same sensual, throbbing beat that characterizes the primitive peoples of the world. We must now face the fact that the naked savage, writhing and twisting to the rhythmic beat of a stick on a hollow log, is no farther from God than the young man in America who nightly loses himself in a psychodelic frenzy in any one of a thousand bizarre night spots. No longer from our ivory towers of prosperity and self-righteousness can we view, as mere spectators, the immoral activity of a distant world. That world has now moved into our midst and, like moths in a woolen garment, it has destroyed the moral fiber of America. With her flimsy facade of sophistication removed, America must now take her place alongside all the other pagan nations of the world.

Another note of urgency must be sounded as we advocate a greater missionary effort at home. That is the practical aspect of financial expediency. It has been repeated again and again that the great bulk of missionary support for all missions comes from the United States. In spite of the great emphasis on the indigenous principle in foreign fields, the need for American support today is greater than ever before. Brethren people are besieged with requests to support a more ambitious program in every one of our denominational agencies, and we can expect the dearth of dollars to become more acute. To meet these ever-increasing needs, certain steps must be taken. First of all, we must increase our per capita giving, which is far below what it ought to be. We must also have a conscientious inventory of our giving habits within our Fellowship. Our loyalty and allegience must be pledged unequivocally to our own agencies of evangelism and the limited resources of The Brethren Church carefully protected from outsiders. We must cease allowing our finances to be siphoned off by non-Brethren organizations, many of which are duplicating our own inadequately supported programs. But above all, we must take steps to enlarge our base of support, and that means developing more and more Brethren churches here in America. Only in this way can we assure ourselves of a stable economy that will be sufficient to the ever-increasing demands of the future.

Yes, we need a compassion and a love for the world, but we must allow that love to begin at home. On one occasion Jesus was asked which was the greatest of all the commandments. His answer has never seemed so appropriate: "Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart. . . . And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." ▼

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Scrapbook of Prayer

Mrs. Pearl Harter, now eighty-four years young, an ardent follower and consistent prayer partner in mission, is pictured above with one of her missionary scrapbooks. For years this saint of God has clipped from the *Brethren Missionary Herald* and other missionary releases the pictures and stories of progress of home missionaries.

My first meeting with Mrs. Harter came at Yakima, Washington, where she holds her membership. Upon my arrival at her church for a meeting she greeted me cordially, using my full name and telling me where I was serving as a missionary. I was intrigued by such genuine and prayerful interest in our missions. Later, having lunch in her home became a delightful experience as I looked through her scrapbooks.

Through the years she has delighted in building these stories into her books as she prays daily for faithful missionaries. She reads the *Brethren Missionary Herald* from cover to cover as soon as it arrives. Later, the magazine is shredded to pieces as the pictures and stories find their way into her current scrapbook.

Mrs. Harter now lives in Bremerton, Washington, near her daughter. My visit at her home recently was another wonderful experience. She quickly opened a scrapbook and pointed to a picture of Mrs. Pifer and our two small children, taken early in our ministry at the mission in Fremont, Ohio. Through the years she has never ceased to pray for our ministry and welfare. I came away with a sense of gratefulness for God's faithful prayer warriors who constantly uphold us before the throne of grace. Herein lies one of the secrets of God's blessing upon Brethren Home Missions.–*Rev. Lester E. Pifer*

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IT ISN'T KOSHER!

By Mrs. Bruce Button

The dictionary gives these definitions: consistent, uniform throughout; inconsistent, incoherent or illogical in thought and actions. Let me show you what I mean.

In the work in which we are engaged, there are many strange and amusing duties which I inherit. This time it was to bake a birthday cake for a lovely lady eighty years of age. It was not a request, nor even a wish expressed; it was just a flat statement that it was her birthday and she had informed the people in the hotel where she lives that her "minister's wife" was baking her a birthday cake. "Be sure to make the icing not too sweet," she cautioned. "And make it pretty—you know, with a 'Happy Birthday' on it."

So, grumbling a little I must confess, I baked a "pretty" cake with white icing and a big yellow and pink "Happy Birthday" on it. Three tiny candles in pink and yellow holders were placed on the bottom and the effect was pleasant to the eyes if not a masterpiece of beauty. It was also good to the taste, I was reasonably sure.

Imagine my chagrin when this dear lady arrived for the Monday Day Blind gathering and whispered, "Did you bake the cake?"

I nodded and we smiled together at our little conspiracy. "Oh, Jerry, but I can't eat it until next Saturday, you know!"

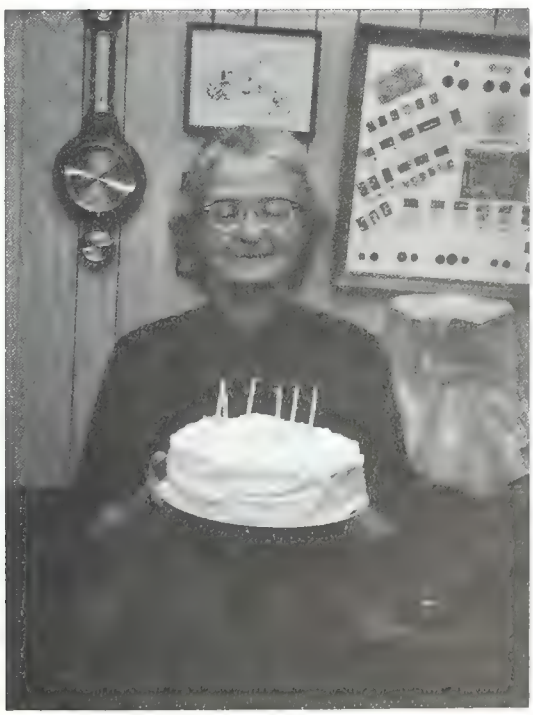
Little lights exploded in my head. All that work!

"But it will be almost a week until Saturday!"

She shook her head sadly. "I can't eat it until after Passover," she said.

I shrugged and thought that the icing would be as hard as granite by Saturday, and the cake would be as dry as the desert sands. Oh well!

The tables had been set neatly and we gathered our guests to seat them since they are blind. I had already placed the jello on the plates. It was black cherry containing fruit cocktail. Since it was during the Passover week, I had anticipated some of the problems we might face and decided to serve matzos instead of sandwiches, passing the egg salad and tuna salad to be used with the matzos. Matzos, of course, are unleavened sheets of dough prepared in a special way to make them



Would the frosting be like granite? And the rest like sand?

It's the most beautiful cake I've ever had," said the eighty-year-old lady tearfully.

"kosher" or ceremonially clean for Passover. One may also purchase the more appetizing kind made with egg and onion, or just egg, but these are not for "kosher" eating.

As I took coffee around, Dave U— held out his plate. "Take it away," he said. "I can't eat it. It isn't kosher."

I shrugged, trying to figure out what was the matter with jello. After all, there wasn't any leaven in it that I could think of, unless sugar is considered leaven. If Dave *really* wanted to be "kosher," then my plates and silver would certainly be disqualified. But that seemed to bother him not at all for he unfolded his sandwich and fruit and placed them on his plate.

The next in line complained about the matzos. "I don't eat matzos," she told Sally. "How about a sandwich on bread?"

Sally was busy serving so Isobel went dutifully to the kitchen and fixed a sandwich for her. Incidentally, this woman is the one who brings her lunch from the kosher rest home in which she lives. Naturally, all the food there is kosher. She calls me aside and hands me her sack lunch each month when the group meets.

"Jerry," she says happily, "put *my* sandwich on the plate for someone else and give me one of *your* sandwiches."

For dessert, one of the guests brought some ice cream. It also contains sugar but it didn't seem to bother anyone and was eaten with great gusto. (I don't think sugar is a leaven.)

So the meal ended. When they prepared to go home at the end of the meeting, the lady for whom I baked the cake took it with tears in her eyes.

"The loveliest birthday cake I have ever had!" she exclaimed to me. But will it be lovely if she waits a week to eat it? How God must care for the consistent Christian! How He must relish those who appreciate His great gift—His Son!

Many Christians accept Christ as Saviour and then wait all of their physical lives before they begin to enjoy Him.

Perhaps, if these of His flesh could see and understand real consistency as it is found in Jesus, the Messiah, and in the lives of those who love Him, they could see and accept the greatest gift of all—Messiah, Jesus, Saviour, Creator, God! ▼



The blind Bible class.

Home Missions on the Move



BARBERTON, OHIO. Rev. Kenneth Cosgrove became pastor of the First Brethren Church here on June 1, 1968. Rev. Cosgrove, former assistant paster at Waterloo, Iowa, succeeded Rev. Irvin Miller. The Cosgroves have one daughter, Donie Marie.







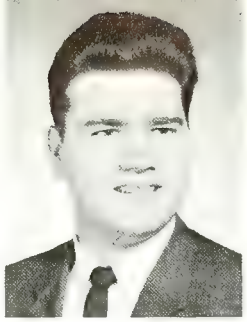
OMAHA, NEBR. The Grace Brethren Church, pioneered by Rev. Fred Fogle, will get a new pastor August 19, 1968. Rev. Fogle is returning to Winona Lake, Indiana, to join the faculty of Grace College and Seminary in the missions department.

Rev. Merlin Berkey has accepted the call to Omaha and will be the first full-time pastor for this new work. Rev. Berkey is a recent graduate of Grace Theological Seminary.

The church has an option on the building they are meeting in and plan to purchase it this fall.

The work was started with the help of the Iowa District Mission Board and is now being joined by the Brethren Home Missions Council.

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. John McKay, 1968 graduates of Grace Theological Seminary, moved immediately into the pastorate of the Good News Grace Brethren Church.





This church, which was started by Rev. Marion Thomas, is buying a building from another denomination. The district mission board of Northern Ohio and the new board of the North Central Ohio District are assisting in support of the work.

MAITLAND, FLA. The new Maitland church building is in use, and plans are being made for a dedication service in September. The building, property, parking facilities, and landscaping will exceed $70,000, but through the help of the district, friends, and the local people the debt will be only $50,000. Maitland is the fifth new church in Florida since 1955 and the fourth built under the direction of the Brethren Home Missions Council.





PITTSBURGH, PA. Brethren Minute-Men, stand by for an immediate call! Any day the postman will be leaving a letter with all the details on your latest assignment—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Two districts, the Allegheny and the East, have joined hands with the Brethren Home Missions Council to provide a full-time ministry for this new work. The Lord has opened up an opportunity to purchase three acres for $6,000, and now there is this additional financial need. Rev. Dean Risser has been on the field only a short time but is reporting many blessings already in this new work.



GARDENA, CALIF. A "new look" marks the property of the Grace Brethren Church. A warehouse building has been removed by the men of the church, and some landscaping and a parking area have completely changed the appearance.

A new, full-time pastor, Bill Stevens, began his ministry June 1. Brother Stevens was formerly at Taos, New Mexico.

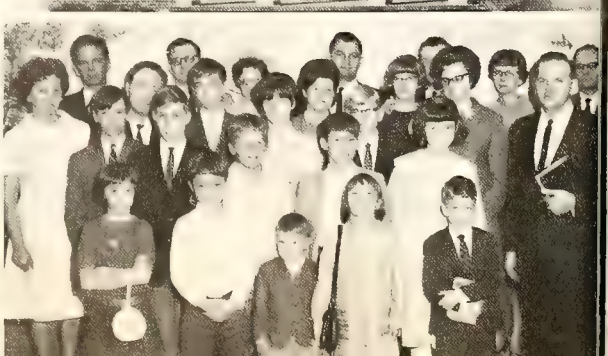


MYERSTOWN, PA. One year ago Rev. Lester Pifer met with several families in a farm home near Myerstown, Pennsylvania, to discuss the beginning of a Grace Brethren Church. Rev. William Tweeddale, president of the North Atlantic District Mission Board, was also present. Plans were laid, and services began in the Keystone Fire House with Rev. Roy Dice, from Palmyra, Pennsylvania, acting as part-time pastor. In special services with Rev. Nathan Meyer attendances reached the one-hundred mark. Regular attendances now average in the high forties.



ATLANTA, GA. Rev. William Byers reports new victories and contacts being made in our pioneer work in the State of Georgia. Atlanta, the largest city in the South, is a rapidly growing area. The new freeway system is already being expanded, and a new circumferential highway is being completed. Property in our target area to the north along the bypass is extremely scarce and expensive. Rigid regulations imposed upon the property in this choice housing area must be hurdled for the location of our church. Meanwhile, the congregation continues to grow and witness, anxiously awaiting the time when they can move from the bank community room to their permanent site. A house on the property will provide temporary facilities until a building can be erected.

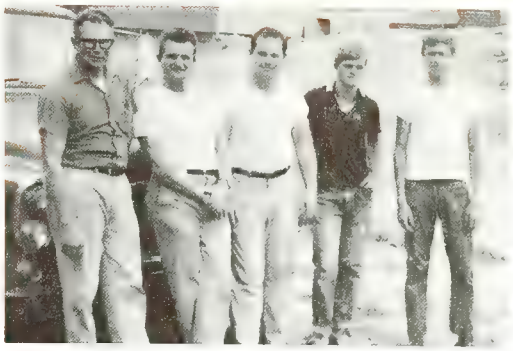






STRATFORD, N.J. Our Bible class and Sunday school started by Rev. Lester Smitley and supported by the North Atlantic District Mission Board have used the community building for temporary facilities. Our aim for a location is in the new Cherry Hill area, one of the larger growing areas of New Jersey.

Rev. Daniel Eshleman began his ministry here in June and is the first full-time pastor of our first church in New Jersey. He conducted a successful Vacation Bible School and is busily engaged in reaching this new community.



Left to right: Mr. Don Sellers, Mr. Herbert Christopher, Mr. William Shackleton, Steve Christopher, and Mark Sellers (Cary Engle, new member, not shown).

LEXINGTON, OHIO. The new building is going up! And so is the attendance. For the first six months of 1968 Pastor Terrance Taylor reported twenty first-time decisions. The new church building is greatly needed. The Lord has provided a good meeting place, but its continued use is "touch and go."

The construction crew moved in about June 1 and will have the help of a new member, Cary Engle. Brother Engle helped with the New Holland, Pennsylvania, church and was challenged by the missionary builders of the Brethren Construction Company. Also helping during the vacation months is Mark Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Sellers, and Steve Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Christopher.

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PRAY for the property needs of Indianapolis, Indiana; Richland, Washington; and Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, California.

PRAY for a good response to the Minute-Man appeal for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

PRAY for a successful enlargement program in every Brethren home-mission church this fall.

PRAY for the development of the home-mission plans for 1969 as approved in August by the board of directors.

PRAY for the home-mission pastors at Bowling Green, Ohio; Davenport, Iowa; and Omaha, Nebraska, who are in the first year of their first pastorate.

WMC

PRAY for the national WMC officers, especially for the new ones who are becoming acquainted with their respective duties.

PRAY for the local officers and the new WMC's being started.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

PRAISE the Lord for the fine messages and reports by our chaplains.

PRAISE the Lord for the safe return from Vietnam of Chaplain John D. Talley, and also for many decisions made by his men. Pray for Chaplain Talley in his new assignment at Fort Lee, Virginia.

PRAY for God's blessing upon Chaplain James Hutchen's book *Beyond Combat* which was published recently by Moody Press.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the blessings received by the men who attended national conference men's sessions.

PRAY that the new brochure produced for distribution to our men will be effective and useful.

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAISE God for record enrollments in both college and seminary this fall.

PRAY that the new students may quickly become adjusted to their new experiences and surroundings.

PRAY for an early completion of the new library so that it will be ready for occupancy the second semester.

PRAY that God's will may be accomplished with respect to the Grace Schools-Winona Lake Assembly relationship.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord for our radio broadcasts in Brazil, Argentina, and Africa, and pray that conditions may continue favorable to airing the Gospel in these lands.

PRAY for the missionary children in their various situations—those who are on the field, some with their parents and some in boarding school; and those in the U.S., separated from their families.

PRAY for Mr. George Peters, the new printer in Africa, in these beginning days of his missionary ministry.

PRAY that the adjustments to foreign cultures and the beginning of language study may not be difficult for the seven new missionaries to Africa and Brazil, who are scheduled to go to the fields this month.

PRAY for a real strengthening of the Brethren program in France now that the two couples—Juliens and Renicks—are working together at the Chateau.

SMM

PRAY that local officers and patronesses will endeavor this year to plan early for meetings that will appeal to more girls in their church and community.

PRAY that in this new SMM year many more girls will endeavor to read their Bibles through and memorize portions of the Word.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for a nice increase in the number of Brethren Adult quarterlies being used.

PRAY for the blessing of the Lord upon literature which will be used in the various church ministries this fall.

PRAY for God's continuing blessing on the Brethren Missionary Herald magazine, and thank Him for a steady increase in the number of subscriptions.

PRAISE the Lord for the way He blessed in the use of VBS materials this past summer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY for the Sunday-school enlargement campaign which begins the first Sunday of October. Final plans are being made now.

PRAY that through Brethren Training Hour programs, sufficient Christian education leaders might be trained.

PRAY that every Brethren church will provide a Brigade and Stockade program for the boys of the church and community. Pray that enough men may become involved as leaders.

PRAY for the National Sunday School Convention as it begins September 25, at Anaheim, California. Pray particularly for the Brethren banquet being held at North Long Beach Brethren Church in connection with the convention.

PRAY for members of the staff of the Christian Education Department as they carry on the efforts of the department.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for His continued care over our staff as they travel many miles.

PRAISE the Lord for the growing interest in our film ministry.

PRAY for Evangelist Scott Weaver as he conducts crusade meetings in the Midwest District. He will be having meetings in Counselor and Taos, New Mexico; Cheyenne, Wyoming; Denver and Arvada, Colorado; Portis, Kansas; and Beaver City, Nebraska.

PRAY for the director of evangelism as he speaks in many of our churches on soul-winning.

PRAY that results may continue in Brazil as a result of the work done by our team there last summer.

30,000 Words a Day

Words, words, words! The world is full of them. One famous publisher said, "If you are an articulate person, you utter some thirty thousand words each day." This is enough to fill a fair-sized book. Perhaps only the most talkative individuals would eject that full a stream of sounds, but it is certain that if all the words spoken by an average person could be fed into some kind of electronic sorting device which would separate the worthwhile words from the worthless ones, there would be a veritable mountain of rejects.

There are witty words and witless words, weighty words and weak words. Some words are welcome and some are wretched. Some are winsome and some are wrangling. If all our words could be sorted into piles, which pile would be greater—the warm, worthy, well-chosen words, or the warlike, wounding, wasted ones?



Words have a tremendous potential either for weal or woe. A certain Greek philosopher asked his servant to provide the best dish possible. The servant prepared a dish of tongue, saying: "It is the best of all dishes, because with it we may bless and communicate happiness, dispel sorrow, remove despair, cheer the fainthearted, inspire the discouraged, and say a hundred things to uplift men."

Later the philosopher asked his servant to provide the worst dish of which he could think. A dish of tongue appeared on the table. The servant explained, "It is the worst, because with it we may curse and break human hearts, destroy reputation, promote discord and strife, set families, communities, and nations at war with each other." He was a wise servant. As Solomon said, "Whoso keepeth his tongue, keepeth his soul from trouble."

Wanton words can ruin us. "Every idle word that men shall speak," said Jesus, "they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." The Bible also says that "in the multitude of words there lacketh not sin," so let us guard against wanton words, windy words, wasted words. Said George Eliot, "Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact!"

Wise words can save a soul from hell and point men to the skies. Sometimes there is need of warning words. Never should we permit ourselves to say anything except wholesome words. "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

Watch your words. Guard against words of wrath. Avoid words that wreck. Remember that words never die. Every word you speak is recorded in heaven to be played back at God's desire; and the Lord clearly tells you, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Words of repentance may save you. Words of self-defense may damn your soul forever.

An elderly woman, much beloved in her community, was asked about her formula for making and keeping friends. "Well," she replied, "I stop and taste my words before I let them pass my teeth." With the help of the Lord it is possible to control your speech. It is within your power to determine whether they will be bitter or sweet.

Let us all pray with the Psalmist, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord."—*Robert C. Cunningham* ▼

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A Tribute to Owen Hacker



The life of the late Owen E. Hacker was an inspiration to all who knew him. In his local church, the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, he served in nearly every office. In January of this year he retired from the Deacon Board after serving faithfully for thirty years. For a number of years he taught a Sunday-school class of junior boys. One of those boys, Rev. Wesley Haller, made a special 200-mile trip to Dayton to pay his respects to the family in memory of Mr. Hacker.

One of Mr. Hacker's fondest interests, however, was the Grace Scholarship Committee (of which he was chairman), a scholarship program for local young people who were going to Grace College. He served for more than twenty years as a member of the Grace Schools Board of Trustees and for more than fifteen years as a member of the Board of Evangelism.

The family has decided that gifts in his memory should be given to hasten the completion of the library on Grace campus.—*G. Forrest Jackson* ▼

Church News

RITTMAN, OHIO. Dr. William Walker, M.D., who served as a medical doctor on our African mission field for five weeks, showed pictures and related interesting experiences of his stay there at the First Brethren Church on July 14 and 21. Charles W. Turner, pastor.

MAITLAND, FLA. According to the last report, the Grace Brethren Church had moved to its new building, located on Oranole Rd. at Wymore Rd. They moved first into the Sunday-school wing but hope soon to occupy the entire building. Their mailing address is still P.O. Box 762, Maitland, Fla. 32751.

HARRAH, WASH. After their sacred concert at the Harrah Brethren Church, the members of the Grace College male quartet went on a rabbit hunt. Their guides were some of their classmates from Grace. Thirty young people and three pick-up trucks made up the caravan. Their weapons consisted of a dozen assorted baseball bats and clubs. Until well after one o'clock in the morning, the trucks bounced around the sagebrush covered hills. Final toll: three rabbits, two students who parted company with a truck on a particularly hard bump, assorted bruises and a few barked shins. The crew returned home to find their leader, Prof. Don Ogden, safe, sound, and asleep. Charles H. Winter, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. On August 4, "The Singing Rondels" were featured in the Sunday evening service at the First Brethren Church. The group was among the top three finishers in competition at the recent Youth for Christ convention at Winona Lake, Ind. Two members of the group, Jim Darby and Anne Shipley, are members of the First Brethren Church. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

WARSAW, IND. A special recognition service in honor of Dr. E. William Male, Academic Dean of Grace College, was held following the regular evening service at Community Grace Brethren Church, Sunday, August 4. The occasion was the granting of the Doctor of Philosophy degree to Dr. Male earlier in the week by Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Pastor Mark E. Malles, members of the local congregation, and other personal friends extended congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Male and presented him with a gift. There was a time of fellowship and refreshments in the lower auditorium of the church. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President of Grace College, and close administrative associate of Dr. Male preached the sermon in the regular evening service. He and Mrs. Hoyt were in the receiving line at the reception.

Dr. Male is a faithful long-time member of the local church at 909 S. Buffalo Street, and has on more than one occasion served as Interim Pastor, as well as holding other offices.

BATA, C.A.R. An extra feature of the annual field council meeting of our Africa missionaries, held July 10-17 at the Bible Center station, Bata, was the arrival of James Kash McDairmant on July 16. The baby weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and is the fourth child of missionaries Tom and Gracia McDairmant.

ELKHART, IND. In honor of their 25th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Putzey were guests of their children at an open house on July 14. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

HOPEWELL, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon W. Snyder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20. A special service was held at the Grace Brethren Church in their honor with Rev. Dean Walter as guest speaker. Sheldon Snyder, pastor.

PORTLAND, OREG. Rev. John Newman, veteran missionary to Vietnam, was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on July 21. He related very interesting stories of Vietnam. William H. Schaffer, pastor.

CHANGES. The following have announced address changes: Rev. P. F. Fogle, Grace College and Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Rev. Russell Konves, 3224 W. Acoma Dr., Phoenix, Ariz. 85023. Robert W. Hill, 1601 Nabal Road, La Habra, Calif. 90631. Glenn E. Moore, 237 W. Cherry St., Palmyra, Pa. 17078. Rev. Robert Salazar, Box 1531, Taos, N.M. 87571. Please change your *Annual.*

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. Members and friends of the Rosemont Brethren Church met in the church basement following prayer meeting and surprised Pastor and Mrs. Robert Dell with a celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary. A money tree with about $55 on it was presented to them.

WATERLOO, IOWA. On June 30 a farewell fellowship was held following the evening service in honor of Assistant Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Cosgrove, who are now serving the First Brethren Church of Barberton, Ohio. John M. Aeby, pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Rev. R. Paul Miller, Jr., has submitted his resignation to the Grace Brethren Church, effective no later than Oct. 13, 1968. His future plans are indefinite at this time.

STRATFORD, N.J. Members and friends of the Grace Brethren Church of South Jersey surprised Pastor Daniel Eshleman and his wife and family with a housewarming. They presented them with two lovely lawn chairs and treated everyone to ice cream on Sunday evenine, July 21, just before the evening service. The service was then held in the parsonage, since a fire had blocked the road to the Stratford fire hall, where the service is usually held. There were 18 in attendance. There were 21 in attendance at the service presented by the Grace College Ambassadors on July 19.

FINDLAY, OHIO. The members of the Findlay Brethren Church have called Rev. Glenn Coats of Route 1, Henryville, Ind., as their new pastor. Rev. Coats and his family plan to come to Findlay by the first part of September.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. Mrs. Bruce Button brought a slide presentation of the Jewish work in Southern California to the First Brethren Church on July 24. James Marshall, pastor.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

SANDY, Conard K., 61, died on Wednesday, June 19, of a heart attack. While still a student at Ashland College he was ordained to the Christian ministry. He later graduated from both Ashland College and Ashland Seminary. In 1931 he baptized his youngest brother, Rollin, now pastor of the Sidney (Indiana) Brethren Church. Conard Sandy served The Brethren Church for forty years in a number of capacities, including pastor of various churches, editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, professor at Grace Schools, and national moderator. His last full-time ministry was the founding and pastoring of the Grace Brethren Church of Sacramento, Calif. In 1964 he resigned this position because of poor health. However, he continued to be active in teaching and pulpit supply. Memorial services were in charge of Rev. Charles Martin, pastor of the Sacramento church; Rev. A. Rollin Sandy preached the funeral sermon. The equipping of the Sacramento church library has been established as a memorial to him. Gifts sent to the church should be designated for the Sandy Memorial. Brother Sandy is survived by his wife, Fern. (See the special tribute to him in the August 10 *Herald*, page 3.)

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Phyllis Jane Moen and Larry Wayne Allen, July 27, Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

Linda Jordan and Ralph Myers, July 6, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Sharon LaRue Malles and Vaughn Snyder, June 8, West Covina Brethren Church, West Covina, Calif.

Betty Lacks and Larry Ruble, April 20, Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va.

Linda Frieholtz and David Marshall, June 22, First Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif.

Linda Given and Charles Lynch, July 20, Grace Brethren Church, Elyria, Ohio.

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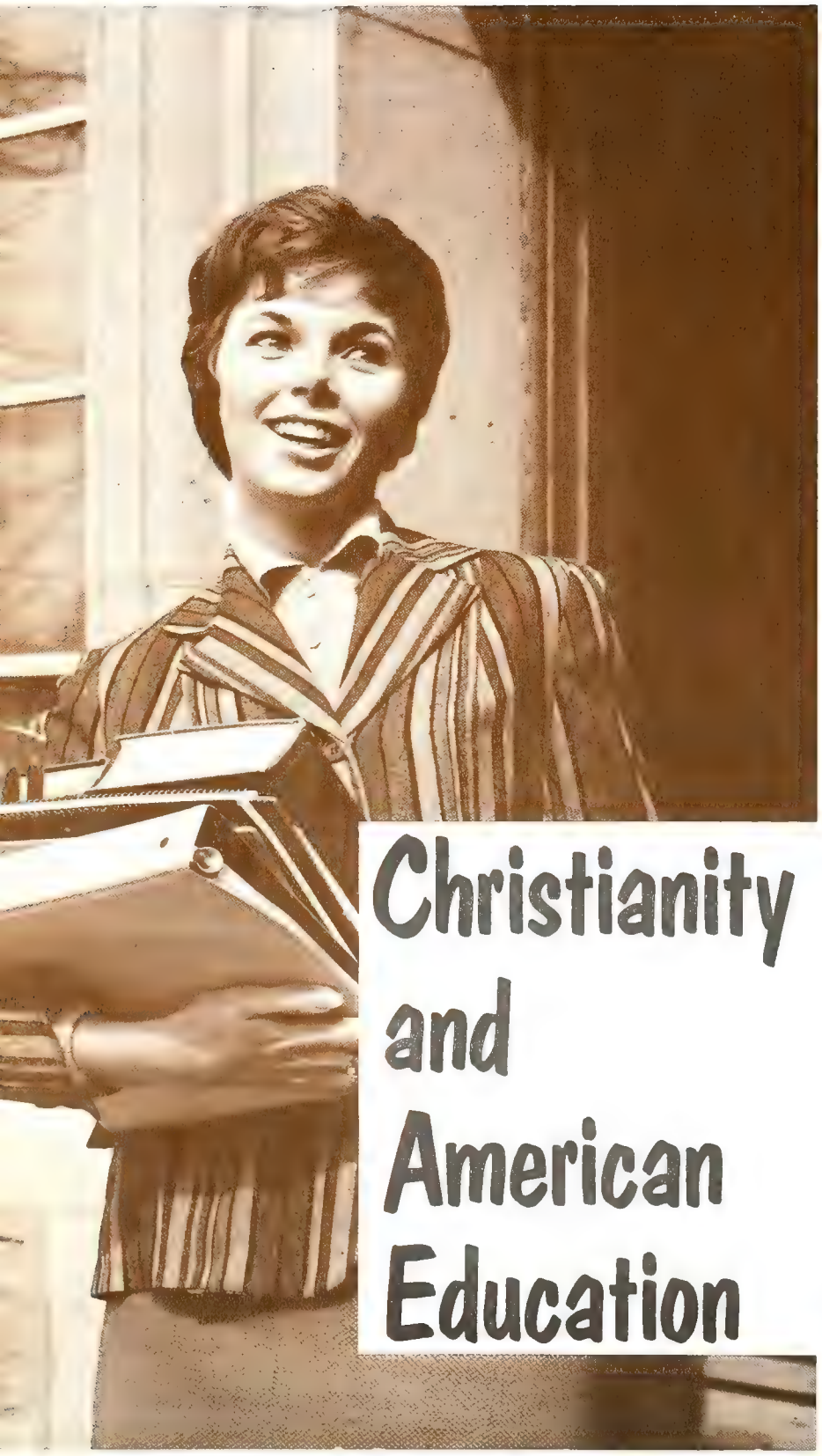




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Christianity and American Education

The prospects of Christianity in relation to American education is a subject too vast for this short speech. The best that can be done is to select a point or two and merely indicate where serious discussion can begin. The first point is *the anti-Christian character of the public schools.*

That public education is non-Christian is easily shown. In my classes not one student in fifty recognizes a quotation from the Bible. A girl in one class had heard about David and Goliath, but no one in that class knew Uriah the Hittite or Bathsheba. Several students told me that they had never seen the inside of a Bible.

This widespread ignorance among college students shows the non-Christian character of the students. Beyond this it suggests the anti-Christian character of the public school systems that produce this ignorance. It would be naive to suppose that Christian history was merely overlooked when the curricula were formed and was omitted by mistake. It is clear that the Christian themes have been deliberately excluded.

At this point one may recall the Supreme Court's decision on prayer and Bible reading in the public schools. The decision stirred up some furor at the time. At the height of this furor it struck me that many people were exercised who for years had done little or nothing to propagate Christianity. They showed alarm when the forms of religion were attacked, though they seemed to have had little concern for its reality.

Some parts of the decision of the Supreme Court cannot be regarded as unfortunate. Christians, it seems to me, should be happy that the Court has prohibited the use of State-composed and State-imposed prayers. These official prayers were not only non-Christian, but also an offense to all who believe that prayer may be offered to God only in the name of Jesus Christ.

The effects of this decision have been much worse than the decision itself. Where the school authorities are antagonistic to Christianity, or where they fear anti-Christian agitators, they have rushed not only to apply but even to extend the court's decision. Pupils have been prevented from receiving

Gideon Bibles, and some boards of education make teachers patrol the lunch rooms to see that no pupil asks a blessing over his lunch. Purdue University does not permit the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship to meet in university rooms if prayer and song are included in the program. In the summer of 1962 at the University of Washington I addressed linguistic students of the Wycliffe translators who were studying there. But we could not meet on campus. It was necessary to use a house across the street.

While I was in Seattle, I was told that the Constitution of the State of Washington does not guarantee freedom *of* religion. It guarantees freedom *from* religion.

These facts are sufficient to show that there is a widespread, organized effort, by educational and governmental units, to harrass Christians and to eliminate Christianity from American life.

This anti-Christian activity by the tax-supported schools is the result of principles adopted and forwarded by influential professors of education such as William Heard Kilpatrick, who was a professor of education at the Teachers College of Columbia University. In a career of thirty years he is said to have trained 35,000 teachers. His principles are clearly stated in his *Philosophy of Education* (page 354), where he argues against religious liberty. He calls it "undemocratic" to allow parents to teach the doctrines of their own religion to their own children.

We turn now to our second point: namely, that *American public education is politically totalitarian, or statist.*

The reference to Kilpatrick already shows this, because what could be more totalitarian than prohibiting religious liberty in the home? It is especially to be noted that this imposition of religious, or rather, antireligious, controls on the parents is proposed in the name of democracy. In the earlier American tradition democracy meant that everybody could vote, everybody was equal before the law, and everybody had inalienable rights protected against the encroachment of the state. But now those who wish to confuse our language and destroy our civilization use the term democracy to mean denial of inalienable rights and the promotion of an all-powerful state.

It was James Earl Russell, dean of Columbia University's Teachers College, who wrote: "The obvious outcome of the World War in education is that schools more than ever before are agencies of the State. . . . **Teachers are servants of the State.**" He goes on to say that the foremost duty of the teacher is the promotion of the welfare of the State. For Dean Russell, the aim of education is not the good of the pupil but the promotion of the State.

These and similar views ultimately mean that private education, whether in the form of Christian colleges or in the form of Christian elementary

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schools, will be banned. Nor is this mere theory. Forces are definitely at work in opposition to private education. One such force is the pressure of class time and extracurricular activities so to occupy the pupil that he will have very little opportunity for Bible study. School administrators attack the released-time program on the ground that it infringes on the right of the State to control the pupil's thought for a full five days of the week. They regard Biblical instruction as useless and do not want it to interfere with their anti-Biblical program. Beyond class time pupils are pressured into extra-curricular activities to make them units in a secular society and to prevent them from centering their lives in the church.

Point three has now been prepared for: namely, that *American public education is philosophically relativistic.* We believe that the absolute truth of inalienable rights and the divinely fixed limitations on civil government are the only intellectual defense against dictatorship. On the contrary, the relativist, in his rejection of all fixed truth, means that in time liberty will be wrong and the principles of Hitler and Stalin will be right. Let us be very clear at this point: fixed truth is the basis of freedom, while relativism (the denial of fixed truth) cannot withhold approval of the worst tyrannies.

In view, then, of the disastrous sweep of anti-Christian secularism through our nation, we must cry out, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

So widespread is corruption in government, so dark is the apostasy of the large and wealthy churches, so low has the country sunk into vice and crime, that I am entirely pessimistic as to the future of this nation. Yet there are some things that the righteous can do and ought to do.

First of all, professing Christians should learn what Christianity is, and defend it. Unfortunately, the defenders of evangelical religion are sometimes confused, and they defend anti-Christian programs.

The second thing we should do is to practice our liberties before they are completely atrophied. Let me urge Christian professors to write books defending the Christian position. Evangelical publications are few in number and sometimes not outstanding in quality. To make an impact on the educated public much more publication is imperative.

I also urge Christian students to do much better work than heretofore. As a minority group, with public opinion against us, we must excel in order to be heard. We must have our subject matter at our finger tips, whether it be Greek grammar, archaeology, physics, or philosophy. We must know the arguments of our enemies better than they do, and we must be able to meet those arguments squarely. This takes study, constant study. Therefore, make the most of your college career.

Finally, let us do all we can to support Christian schools: grade schools, high schools, and colleges. Let us practice our liberties before they are extinguished. To compete with anti-Christian public education, we need a widespread system of private schools to teach Christian principles—Christian principles in literature, history, politics, sociology, psychology, and philosophy. God's revelation covers all problems of life. Let us learn and apply these divine principles to every phase of our earthly existence. ▼



Surprises . . . Crises . . . Hoplessness . . . Then, Jesus . . .

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President

Grace Theological Seminary and College

We live in a period of surprises. Never in the history of mankind has this been more true than today. The swiftly moving course of events brings a new series of surprises each morning. And with these surprises there come the accompanying problems, frustrations, disappointments, discouragements, disasters, and despair. Two things have helped to accentuate this situation. The explosion of knowledge has made itself felt all across the world. There is no land or clime or people who have not been influenced by the broadening horizons of knowledge. In addition to this there have been the multiplied methods of communication and transportation. These have facilitated the dissemination of knowledge and made the vast distances that separate peoples to shrink into mere insignificance. It is therefore fairly certain that surprises will increase with the passing of the years.

Surprises are the result of change, and change most often precipitates crisis. There is the passing of the present order and the ushering in of the new. While this change is intended to be for good, it is more often for ill because men are sinful. The limitations imposed by a sinful human nature lead man to regard mankind as the supreme good and the chief end in life. God is completely eliminated from his thoughts (Ps. 10:4). In his desperate effort to promote his own cause, he encroaches upon the rights of his fellow men and only makes the scramble for life and health and happiness more complicated and perilous than ever. His vision's being limited to the present makes it impossible for him to calculate the far-reaching effects of his inventions in the present. It would never occur to him that democracy intended for the welfare of all could eventually turn out for the peril of all.

Unending change, inevitable crisis, and continuing surprise at the course of events is producing confusion in the minds of men and most certainly a deepening sense of hopelessness. The instability in our society is beginning to produce a growing sense of dread and fright. A riot among students on a college campus can interrupt the operation of a great university and actually bring about the fall of a government. An attempt on the part of police to maintain law and order can erupt into a siege of violence that threatens a whole segment of society. The bullet from an assassin's weapon can produce an outbreak of anarchy that threatens the communities of the land. At last a president who has ridden into power on the crest of the greatest wave of popularity in history suddenly withdraws from the political race for fear of what lies ahead. And the political race goes on with no real sense of direction and promising no workable solution to the problems confronting the world.

Can it be said that out of such confusion there can come clarity? Can democracy now verging on anarchy promise any hope? In the midst of a breakdown of law and order, is it possible that mere gun control will stem the tide of violence and crime? Is it possible, where there is no longer any clear line of distinction between right and wrong, that a change of administration will make a difference? Can it be expected from a people who from peer to peasant are determined to live over the pattern of a new morality, that anything other than disaster lies ahead? Can those who are purposely blind to the trends of history, and therefore deliberately pursue a course of life that leads to dreadful consequences, be expected to reap anything other than what they have sown? What lies ahead?

History tells us one thing. Out of the confusion and failure of democracy there always rises the dictator and despot. And the Bible declares that the greatest tyrant of the ages lies immediately ahead.

To the agonizing question, is there any hope, any source of encouragement, the answer is, yes! To the true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ there is a source of hope. God is still on the throne of the universe. His kingdom rules over all (Ps. 103:19), and as He watches the course of events He laughs at the senseless struggles of men to escape reality (Ps. 2:4). God's word is forever settled in heaven (Ps. 119:89). And that word is recorded for men in the Bible. Midst the dust and confusion of the thinking of men, it sets forth a clear pattern of reality. The believer can settle this message in his own heart. He will be sure to find that this particular thing will give him assurance.

The God of the Bible works all things after the counsel of His own will (Eph. 1:11). God has not abandoned the world to the striving of men. He is controlling everything and directing it so that it will fulfill His will. The encouraging thing for the believer is this: namely, that God is controlling all these things in such a way that they will work out for good to them who love God (Rom. 8:28).

In such an hour as this, when confusion, calamity, and crisis seem to reign everywhere, the promise of the coming of the Lord burns more brightly than ever. Read Luke 21:25-26. Could this describe the times in which we are living? It would appear so. Jesus declared that these were signs of His coming. Read Luke 21:27-31. Perhaps we are beginning to see the things that herald His return. If so, let us take heart and with greater effort than ever seek to make the best use of our time in His behalf. At His coming He will set things in order. ▼

Christ's Greatest Gift Today

By Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

Professor of Old Testament, Grace Theological Seminary

Among the varied spiritual gifts that God gives to His people today, the greatest is that of proclaiming the truth of God for the edification of the church. This can be demonstrated by the fact that God's three most important gifts to the Early Church, according to Paul's list in I Corinthians 12:28 ("first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers"), were men who spent their time indoctrinating God's people in "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

Today, of course, we no longer have apostles and prophets, for they performed a unique ministry of foundation-building (Eph. 2:20, 3:5, Rev. 21:14). They were, in the case of the apostles, eyewitnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 1:21-22); or, in the case of prophets, recipients of direct revelation from Christ for predicting future events (Acts 11:28) or writing Scripture (Rom. 16:26, Eph. 3:5), though some of the apostles also wrote Scripture (Matthew, John, Peter, Paul), and had the gift of prophecy (I Cor. 14:6). In Hebrews 2:3-4 we see how one New Testament prophet looked up to the apostles ("them that heard"), even as we today are to look up to the inspired word of both apostles and prophets as complete and final (Rev. 22:18-19). This leaves *teachers* (I Cor. 12:28), or "pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:11), as Christ's greatest gift to the church today.

Most Christians are aware of the fact that the Holy Spirit has given to each believer one or more spiritual gifts (I Cor. 12:4-11), and that some gifts are more important than others. But not so many seem to have grasped the fact that God does not expect us to be content with lesser gifts, but instead, He commands us to "covet earnestly the best gifts (I Cor. 12:31). In other words, the best gift today (teaching the Word of God) is not restricted to a special class of Christians, but is to be sought earnestly by all Christians! And why should we earnestly covet this gift? Because with it we can more effectively serve our wonderful Lord and serve the church, which is His body.

In his commentary on I Corinthians 12:31, R. C. H. Lenski states: "To strive zealously (covet earnestly) means more than to pray; it includes effort toward cultivating and toward producing a receptivity and a fitness on our part. The Spirit bestows the gifts, but he bestows them only on those who are fit to receive them. He, too, works the fitness but does so only in those who allow him full sway in their hearts. Many of us could have gifts that we now lack, and we could have them to a greater degree than we now have them. This is especially true with reference to some of the greater gifts such as wisdom, knowledge, acquaintance with the Word, ability to explain it to others, ability to win others for the gospel, and so on."

The gift of preaching and teaching is of supreme importance in the church today because Christians are in desperate and continual need of being fed the truths of God's Word. Our Lord, shortly following His resurrection, commanded Peter: "Feed my sheep" (John 21:17). Peter, with these words throbbing in his soul, wrote in turn to pastors that were under his influence: "Feed the flock of God which is among you" (I Peter 5:2). In his last epistle the aged Apostle Paul revealed to young Timothy the basic principle which had guided his own missionary service and which would prove to be the most fruitful for Timothy: "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2).

In the light of this, we may safely conclude that the greatest need of the hour is for men who will covet earnestly *the best gifts;* who will give themselves "continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4); who will learn how to "feed the flock of God," however long or difficult might be the task of preparing for such a ministry.

We need to be reminded today, when lesser and perhaps more spectacular gifts are given the preeminence among Christians, that "elders that rule well" are to be "counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine" (I Tim. 5:17). Double honor is to be accorded such elders, for they are twice as effective in the hands of God "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:12). May God grant to many more of us in these dark days a desire to possess and to use for His glory *the best gift!* ▼

"The greatest need of the hour is for men who will covet the best gifts."



Left to right: Daniel Dutruc-Rosset, David Plaster, Patsy Scofield, Daniel Taton, Ann Teel, Bonnie Crouse, Jean-Jacques Bernard, and Cheri Knight.

Scrapbook from France



Bonnie Crouse, Cheri Knight, and Jean-Jacques Bernard wave to those higher up La Roche. The distance already climbed can be seen in the background.

Who knows when the really important events in our lives actually begin? It isn't always easy to pinpoint the time or the place. And a sense of wonder is added to everything that we do when we know that behind it all, God moves in "mysterious ways His wonders to perform."

Our experience in France this summer is a wonder to each one of us. Perhaps we had prepared ourselves for the worst while hoping for the best. After all, a building that dates back to the fourteenth century is bound to be a bit drafty, if nothing else.

We soon got to know those who work here regularly: the Renicks, the missionaries in charge of the work in the absence of the Juliens; Bob Hanson, the cadet missionary from the States; Andre Bodinier, a Bible institute graduate from France; and Daniel Dutruc-Rosset, the French student working with the team. While we waited for the arrival of the Juliens, those working at the chateau were helpful; the French young people were friendly, and we knew we were going to have a good summer.

One of our greatest delights when tired or discouraged is the rich beauty of the country around us. The Chateau de St. Albain is situated high on a ridge overlooking the Saone River. On clear days it is possible to see Mount Blanc, the highest mountain peak in Europe, some 150 miles away, while a walk down the winding village road leads to the rolling fields. At night the stars are very close overhead.

But we didn't come here to see the beauty of the country, to view with awe the ancient buildings, or to listen with wonder to tales of the past. We came to meet French young people, to tell them about what we have found in Christ.

This might not sound like a very difficult assignment. After all, all a person has to do is to walk up to another person, say, "Hello," and start a conversation. Step number one was accomplished without too much difficulty, even for the shy ones. Step two wasn't bad either. It doesn't take too long to learn to say, "Bonjour, comment ca va?" But with a meager French vocabulary, it's not too easy to carry on an animated conversation.

It's a real struggle to put strange words together so that they have meaning for two people. It's bewildering to be answered in a rapid succession of sounds that don't even divide into individual words. It's frustrating to have to ask people to speak "doucement" or to call someone over to interpret or to smile as if you understand, hoping all the time that you really did get the gist of the comment. It's an exhausting pastime, and sometimes we can't wait to be alone or to find an old friend who actually understands what we're saying. At times our minds simply cease to function.

By Ann Teel

We have had the experience of sitting in the midst of French-speaking people listening to what is going on. Then someone says something to us, and we mull the strange sounds over to make sense out of them. Suddenly it dawns on us that it's beautiful English!

Someone might be tempted to ask, "If it's a struggle, why bother?" And I could write a book to answer that question. First of all, the amazing thing that we have learned is that even with our limited vocabulary we are able to communicate. We have learned to know a number of young people who come to the chateau regularly. As we get to know them, we begin to relax and be more ourselves. Then it becomes easier to talk to them. In fact, we are finding it easier to speak with strangers, because most are friendly and are willing to help us in a conversation.

At a recent rally we were able to tell the young people something of our experiences with Christ. Daniel interpreted for each of us; and even though we weren't able to speak to them in French, it gave us satisfaction to be able to say that we had met the Christ.

In another way this experience is invaluable, for each of us in our own way is learning to prove God. Each of us has had some experience in which we have learned that God is sufficient, that He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Eph. 3:20).

Each of us has accepted Christ as our Saviour, trusting Him to help us daily. We have read Jeremiah 33:3: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." And we know that it is true. At some time or another, we have had the experience of trusting Christ through something that was hard for us. We have held to Him when we could not control the circumstances around us. We have learned the patience that comes from waiting for God to teach us. Yes, we have trusted Christ and have found Him to be real.

We didn't have to come to France to learn these things which we thought were sufficient. But in these new situations, we have discovered that what we have is not enough. We are learning that it is not God's fault that we lack anything. Instead, we are finding that we don't have to lack for any need.

To be on our own in a conversation with no interpreter is the greatest challenge. This is where we need more of God's power. I was told that I had to trust the Lord. My first reaction was mild indignation. After all, what do the people here know about how I have trusted the Lord. But I needed more power from the Lord than I had. So I tried, believing the Lord would help. What I really said to Him was, "I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (Mark 9:24). And He did. He really did do exceeding abundantly above all that I could ask or think according to the power that works in me. Each of us has had a similar experience in learning about the reality and power of God in the individual lives of His children.

It occurred to me that if we would all put to use the same power of God at home, we would really be amazed to see what God would do in our lives and the lives of others. ▼

A pastor gives his views on . . .

Non-Combatant Military Service*

What is the position of The Brethren Church with regard to military service for Christian young people?

It is our purpose to find out what the Scriptures say about this subject, not what a denomination has to say. However, in discovering what the Scriptures say, we present the position of The Brethren Church. Our motto is "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible."

There is and there will be war. As long as there are unregenerate hearts in this world, we may expect conflicts. Any minister, statesman, politician, or teacher who tells you that the United Nations or any other such movement will banish war and bring international peace is deceiving you. He has probably been deluded himself. This deluded condition among the so-called wise ones of the world has come about naturally. They have followed their own wishful thinking. They have neglected the plain teachings of God's Word. They have ignored the lessons of history.

Christ explicitly predicted that there would be "wars and rumours of wars" until the end of this age (Matt. 24:5-11). History verifies this inescapable truth.

We are instructed to "live at peace" in so far as possible. However, unsaved men may not be expected to abide under such a binding scriptural standard. It is not in their hearts to keep peace.

Therefore, we are destined to live in a world of conflicts. It follows that we must have a plan of living in light of the conflicts. I speak to Christians, especially to Christian young men and women faced with induction into the military service.

Wars are the final means of settlement between the unregenerate nations of the world. Those whose citizenship is limited to the earth share in the conflicts and the blame. However, as a son of God you have a dual citizenship. You are a member of the body of Christ, and you are also a citizen of the United States of America. Your heavenly citizenship must always take precedence over your earthly citizenship (Acts 4:19, Phil. 3:20).

Now, we do not advocate a rebellion against the powers that be. We do not defend, for instance, the attitude of the so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses." These are acting contrary to the Scripture when they refuse any allegiance to a government. In the United States of America we have a liberty that allows the harmonious operation of both our heavenly and our earthly citizenships. You may be a true child of Christ and a good citizen at the same time.

We must harmonize our two citizenships. We are to be found acceptable to God and submissive to the power of the State. We have reason to be thankful that in our land this is possible. Our government has made ample provision for our convictions.

There are three alternatives for the born-again Christian.

1. He may register in the military service, be assigned to a post, take up arms, and shoot to kill. To kill, after all, is the final purpose of military training. The Christian cannot sincerely participate with a ready mind in such evil endeavor. In the Bible it is written: "Thou shalt not kill."

If it is objected that "he kills without malice in his heart," he is still not free from responsibility in the matter. God said, "Thou shalt not kill." The "malice clause" in killing was an additional precept taught by Christ. It did not abrogate the former command, but enlarged and completed it. If a life is taken, the responsibility must be placed upon the one taking that life.

2. The Christian may register as a C.O. (Conscientious Objector). There is a lot of confusion existing in this matter. The C.O. camps of previous wars have been the hotbeds of all kinds of radicalism. Pinks, reds, and fanatics have been found hiding in them. They were the choice of pacifists.

But there have been a large number of genuine C.O. camps with the finest of Christian men within. We have no fault to find with them. We respect their stand. However, we do not believe that the Word of the Lord believe that the Word of the Lord demands such a stringent position. We do not believe in pacifism. We do not encourage enlistment as a C.O.

3. The Christian may register in the military service as a Noncombatant. This is the position that we recommend. We believe that it meets all the necessary requirements outlined above. It places the man of God in a position where he may discharge his duties to both God and man.

His duty to God is obedience. In

this classification he may refrain from breaking God's law of the sacredness of life. Man's duty to man is service. Here again he is without offense. He may "bind the wounded and lift up the fallen." He will have much opportunity to witness for Christ under the most pressing of the needs of mankind.

Some objections will be raised regarding this position.

1. A man who registers as a Noncombatant is a coward; he is afraid to fight.

On the contrary, he is more a man than the fellow who registers otherwise. He has had the courage of conviction. He has chosen a type of service that will be for the benefit of his fellow men. He offers to go upon the battlefield unprotected and unarmed. A man well-armed has need of less courage.

2. If everyone would take this attitude, we would have no defense against agressors.

But face the reality. Not everyone will take this attitude, for not all have convictions based upon the Word of God. Even if all Christians would take this position, a problem would not exist. Less than half of our population is even to be classified as "nominal Christians." But even if all these should refuse to bear arms, there would be no serious hindrance to the military. It takes from ten to twelve Noncombatant personnel for every man who carries a gun. Rather than hindering the activities of the government, the Christian would be helping in the way that God would allow him to help.

3. The Noncombatant is just as guilty as the frontline soldier, even though he does not shoot to kill.

This is a false conclusion. The man who kills deliberately pulls the trigger that sends the shell to the heart of the enemy. He has made a deliberate decision to take a life. The Noncombatant soldier never makes that choice. He has, on the other hand, done what God's Word has instructed him to do and has fulfilled his obligation to the State.

The government of the United States has made ample provision for Christians in this matter. Laws have been enacted to provide for young men and women with sincere objections to bearing arms. You may register as a Noncombatant under military service. A special classification is granted—1AO.

You need only to voice these sincere convictions at the time of your registration. Your local board has the necessary information to register you properly. If there is any question, you may contact your national or state selective service offices. In most instances, you will find a cooperative and understanding reaction.

Let it be remembered that the above provisions and suggestions are not a means of escape from duty for any man. They are an approved course of action to be followed by Christians with honest convictions. By a Christian, we mean one who has been born again by a personal experience with Jesus Christ (John 3:1-18). By honest convictions, we mean firm beliefs growing from a sincere study of the Bible. For your further meditation, we recommend careful study of the following Scripture passages: Acts 4:1-31, Romans 13:1-14, I Peter 2:9-20, Acts 5:29.

In this military age in which we are forced to live, these teachings may not be too favorably received. However, they are the logical conclusions based upon the thorough studies of a number of gifted Bible scholars. They are the author's convictions as gleaned from the unalterable Scriptures. It may be that your convictions are otherwise. Be sure that you have based your beliefs upon the Scriptures, not upon sentiment or tradition.

There are large numbers of young men serving in the military forces. Are they lost because they bear arms? Indeed not. This is not a matter of salvation; this concerns obedience of the Christian to the leadings of the Lord.

Christian leaders, upon us devolve enlarged responsibilities. We are living in a military age. It will probably grow increasingly more militaristic. Therefore, let us teach and fortify our youth to meet the existing conditions. Wishful thinking is poor exercise for such a time as this.

God is merciful. He will forgive our shortcomings. Those who have come to know the truth are to walk in the light of that truth. If in times past we have been disobedient in the matter of military service, He will forgive. Paul declares that he obtained mercy because he sinned in ignorance of the Scriptures.

We pray that the light presented here will help you to know the will of God and abide in it. ▼

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**The doctrinal position of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, regarding the participation of the Christian in war.*

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As you complete your seminary work, you ought to be prepared to go back out into the world. I say that advisedly, because it's quite a shock to go into the rapidly changing world with its thought processes, worldliness, and all the various things that are happening out there.

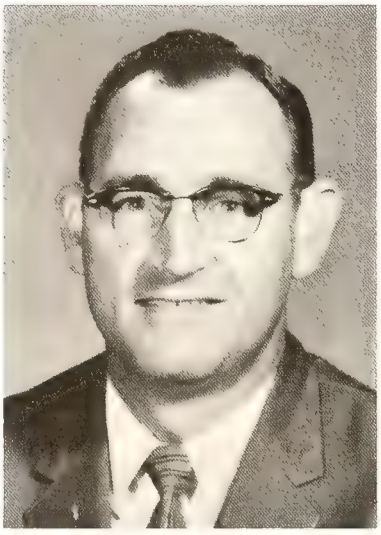
Once you are in the ministry, you begin to appreciate the privilege you enjoyed in the halls of Grace College and Seminary. Recently I heard Dr. William Rice say that he felt that the greatest thing that ever came his way was the privilege of being at Grace Theological Seminary to prepare to be a pastor. This would be my testimony, also.

As you go out, you must deal with doctrinal problems. In my area there is the influence of Romanism. Many are also deluded about the ministry of healing, speaking in tongues, and the various gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are people who have been brought up in evangelical churches, but once they get a taste of this type of thing, it's hard to bring them back. This is when you really begin to appreciate what Grace Theological Seminary did for you in giving you a basis upon which you could get into the Word of God, study it, and then come up with a positive answer to these problems.

One of the greatest difficulties is in making the adjustment from communicating in the classroom to communicating on the practical level. Most people don't know what you're talking about if you mention the aorist tense.

What do you do when a man comes knocking on your door at 12:30 Saturday night? I had seen this man at eight that evening and talked with him for about forty-five minutes. Now he said, "If I don't get some answers tonight, I don't know that I ever will."

These are the practical applications of what you're learning in seminary. You have the possibility not only of leading someone into a saving knowledge of Christ, but also of leading him into the area of doctrine which will then prepare him for everyday living. You must adjust from your theological thinking in school to the practical, everyday living of the individual out there in the street or next door to you. You have the privilege of going out to handle the Word of God and share it with others. ▼



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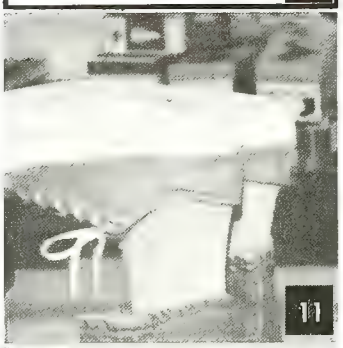


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COVER PHOTO—The cover photo of the city of Frankfurt shows the "new" Germany in the form of large, modern apartment buildings against the "old" Germany symbolized by the cathedral in the background.

This September is a month of significance to the future of Brethren Foreign Missions, since two brethren are making an investigatory trip to this land which years ago was approved as a scene for activity by the missionary society. Mr. Herman Schumacher, member of the board of trustees, and Mr. Roger Peugh, who along with his wife is under appointment to spearhead the Brethren effort in Germany, are conducting the survey.

We Have a Concern – A Summary

Can one have true compassion without a resultant action? Is it possible to have that anxious concern that brings tears to our eyes without being active to help alleviate the difficulty causing the concern? Can we feel for one so keenly that we have what the Bible calls "bowels of compassion" without rushing to the side of the one experiencing grave problems?

These are questions that have come to my mind as I have sat through the week of national conference and listened to different speakers dealing with the conference theme, "We Have a Concern," taken from Matthew 9:36: "But when he [Jesus] saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them."

I believe that true compassion *will* move us to action. As Jesus was moved with compassion for the multitudes, he did something about their situation. He went from place to place teaching, preaching, and healing. He ministered to the mind, the soul, the body, all with deep compassion and concern for people who appeared to Him as sheep having no shepherd. Jesus showed tenderness and regard for the people. But He went farther. He entered into their feelings.

Moses cried out to God in his compassion for Israel, pleading that his life be taken if God would not spare Israel. David Brainerd was so moved and stirred for the souls of the American Indian that he perspired with cold sweat and was in constant agony. John Knox of Scotland cried out to God, "Give me souls or I die!"

If we of The Brethren Church only *preach* compassion, it is a farce. We can pity people, yet do nothing for them. If we only preach soul-winning and do not practice it, we fail in carrying out God's commission to us. If we carry on our work and fail to involve ourselves in the tragedies around us, we miss the very point of being children of God.

Our compassion must reach out to our fellow Christians to the extent that we will rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Our compassion will become a concern for the unsaved across the United States causing us to do something about their lost condition. It will cause us to witness to them faithfully about the Word of God, bringing them to salvation. It will cause us to sacrifice for the local church and its program of going with the Gospel, and will bring us into participating fellowship with those who seek to establish new soul-winning stations for the Lord at home and abroad. Not only will it cause us to expand the denominational program, but it will also give us greater enthusiasm and joy in the process.

Also, such compassion will bring us into active participation in the issues of our day. We will have a concern for *all* of those around us no matter where they may be found. Has not Jesus told us that the field is the world? We are well aware that this is a world of continents and races of people. We understand this and must not fail to cover it all for Christ. But actually there are many "worlds" in our one world. Let us think of reaching all the "worlds" and preaching the Gospel in them.

There is the world of our teen-agers: a world of teen idols, music, and particular attire. Perhaps it's upstairs or in the basement. Do we negatively abandon them because we do not agree with these things? Or have we tried to explore that world with a view to reaching these teen-agers for Christ? We have accustomed ourselves to paying whatever price is necessary to cross the country and the oceans to reach people for Christ. But what about the teen-agers in our own home?

There is the world of different races of people, as well as underprivileged people of our own country. It is encouraging to see our Fellowship getting more involved in exploring the world of these people.

Then there are the worlds of the hippies, rioters, Black Power leaders, and cultists. Surely we should have a concern for them in exploring their world to determine how we can assist in winning them to Christ, and then to help them solve their problems.

Christ encourages us to reach all people. In His sight there is no difference as to the worth of souls. He has a compassion for all in their various worlds, and in helping them in every area of their lives. May we, too, be able to say, "We Have a Concern!" ▼

The Holy Spirit and the Missionary



By Rev. Raymond Thompson

(FMS editor's note: The following article is abridged from a message given to the missionaries and candidates assembled for the Third Annual Foreign Missions Seminar, the theme of which was "The Holy Spirit and Christian Missions." Rev. Thompson spoke on the opening night, July 29.)

Partnership with God! In your wildest fancy, could you imagine a more thoroughly desirable or wholly satisfying condition? This is exactly the position of the missionary who in obedience to the commissioning of the Lord goes forth as a witness for Him.

The enormity of the promise of Matthew 28:20—"I am with you alway"—is almost beyond our ability to grasp. The God who created, sustains, and will ultimately judge and restore this universe is a constant companion; and, even more, He is present to enable, encourage, and bring to success.

This is an important promise to the missionary, because no human can do the job God has called him to do. Only as he is available to God the Holy Spirit to control and work through him will there be genuine accomplishment.

Dr. A. J. Gordon once quoted a contemporary German professor who told his students: "Gentlemen, remember that without the illumination of the Spirit, theology is not only a cold stone, it is a deadly poison." The truth of this statement is so very apparent today in the pernicious philosophies of modern theology, which assign relative values to those acts which God declares to be sin. Men are thereby given license to live according to any standard acceptable to society without regard for God's absolute standard of righteousness.

A parallel truth might be found in paraphrasing the professor's statement

as follows: Remember that without the activity of the Holy Spirit, missions are not only dead; they are a deadly menace. Men who are only given better education and health, without having their sinful hearts changed by Jesus Christ, are only better equipped to plunder and destroy.

Jesus, as He gave final instruction to His disciples in Acts 1, first directed them to wait in Jerusalem for the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit before carrying out the second part of His commission, which was to witness to Him everywhere. The Holy Spirit must do the work through His chosen instrument if the work is to be effective. He must also sustain the witness if he is to continue in the work. The hazards of the missionary task; isolation from friends of like language, culture and faith; feelings of personal inadequacy in doing the job; discouragement with results; and, finally, disillusionment with God's call, demand that the missionary be filled with the Spirit of God if he is to continue to carry out his witness effectively.

This infilling of the Holy Spirit of God for service is not a blessing which God reserves for a special few who spend hours in agonizing seeking and who are finally rewarded in a great climactic experience of ecstasy in which great waves of liquid joy roll over them and they lose all conscious control of themselves. Rather, the Holy Spirit may take control of one in a very quiet and unobtrusive manner, in which the evidence of His presence is a sense of peace with God, assurance of His will, and effectiveness in accomplishing that will. The *condition* for such a filling is within the immediate reach of every believer who will simply exercise faith in God to the point of absolute submission to His will. Jesus is the infinite example of being filled with the Holy Spirit. John gives us His secret in the eighth chapter of his Gospel, verse 29: "The Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him."

The *result* of being filled with the Holy Spirit of God is an effective witness for Jesus Christ. Before Jesus instructed the disciples to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, He informed them as to what His presence would mean to them. In a number of expressions of this anticipation in John 14 through 16, the Comforter, who is "the Spirit of truth," is promised as the one who "shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." And "when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father . . . he shall testify of me."

An outstanding illustration of this witnessing Spirit indwelling believers is found in the incident recorded in Acts 3. Peter and John, at the very height of experiencing the power and presence of the Holy Spirit immediately following the Day of Pentecost, take time to observe with genuine concern a very ordinary sight: an insignificant beggar, lame and impoverished, repeating his monotonous plea for money to every Jew who approached the temple to worship. Their response is amazing not only in the miracle of healing which followed, but also in the personal interest they expressed to the deep need of this man. Their witness here consisted of faithfully doing what they were able to do when confronted with an opportunity. As they seized this chance to help, God enlarged the opportunity to include a spoken witness concerning Jesus Christ, which was heard not only on the steps of the temple but which also shook the complacency of the inner council. The outcome of this witness of spoken word, following concerned help, was that "many of them which heard the word believed," and the believers "lifted up their voice to God with one accord" and praised Him.

The *evidence* of filling of the Holy Spirit is the fruit produced in the life of the one so filled. Many people today desire a thrilling sensation in which they may revel as the credential of the presence of the Holy Spirit. God's Word instead points us to the effect in the life of one so filled, which cannot be imitated and will always attend the presence of God the Holy Spirit. That effect is both subjective, in giving assurance and enjoyment to the person walking in fellowship with God, and objective, in controlling every relationship he has with other people. Notice the many-faceted appearance of this fruit of the Spirit's presence in one's life as seen in God's Word: "love, joy, peace, even temper, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self control." Certainly here are promised the essential elements of an effective witness, which, when coupled with the living Word of God, will change lives.

The missionary need not fear or be discouraged. God is his partner! The same may be said for any child of God who is willing to believe Him simply upon the basis of what He promises in His Word: "I am with you alway . . . ye shall be witnesses unto me." ▼

Missionary Mailbag

Evangelism in Brazil . . . F

An evangelistic team, consisting of Rev. Scott Weaver, Terry Davenport, and Jim Shipley, went to Brazil to conduct a number of weeks of meetings this summer. In the midst of the meetings missionary Eddie Miller took time to write an account to Foreign Secretary John Zielasko. Excerpts from his letter are printed here:

I am over here with the evangelistic team this week. We came on Sunday morning and will return this coming Sunday morning. So far we are praising the Lord for good meetings. Brother Eulalia had the church well prepared with a week of prayer meetings every night. The church was full with over 200 the first night; there were four decisions. Last night was another full house and four more decisions. We are staying with Pastor Eulalia in the old missionary residence where we first lived.

It certainly is good to see old friends and believers, especially those who are leaders in the church. We are looking for great things from the Lord, and the people are encouraged, too. Things are a little rough over here financially, since the government is behind in salaries again, and so on. Pray for these people. We have a strong church here, for which we praise the Lord. On their own, two days before the meetings began, they arranged for and paid a taxi with loudspeaker to go around and invite the people to the meetings.

Ever since the team arrived, we have really been busy, needless to say. Our daughter Jeanette was to arrive at the same time as the team, but neither knew it. The plane was twenty-four hours late getting to Miami. As a result, Jeanette stayed in a hotel at the airline's expense, and so did the two boys. However, the next day the plane schedule was advanced by six hours, and they rounded up all of the passengers they could at Miami. Scott Weaver wasn't there, so the boys refused to come! They finally got together and were sent to Rio, where they sat at the airport for twelve hours, and then back to Belem on a Brazilian airline. They arrived in Belem at five o'clock in the morning with no address for us. One taxi driver knew of the U.F.M. home at Belem, and Brother Weaver went there while the boys waited for the baggage. We finally picked them up at 8:30.

Sunday evening we started a week's meetings in the Icoaraci church. Raimundo Cardoso led the services and I translated. These were good meetings but with only about six first-time decisions. However, the church was filled with visitors who said they had never been to our church.

Terry Davenport, the chalk artist, is really being well received. The people like this! Usually the pastor gives the picture away to the person bringing the most visitors. The boys sing really well together, too. Scott's messages are very Biblical and down to earth. The people like all of the party.

Monday evening, after our Icoaraci crusade, we went to the U.F.M. prayer meeting, where we had charge of the whole service. The boys sang and Scott preached and Terry drew a picture. He usually writes a phrase in Portuguese, too.

The second week the team spent three nights in Santo Antonio, living with Keith and Vivian (Altig), and then three days at the camp near Castanhal. I had arranged to use the campground of the Baptists. Everyone liked it, and



The Macapa church building

mmunion in Argentina . . . Gamas in CAR

it is centrally located. The team all bought hammocks in Belem and slept in them at camp—and got lots of chiggers! They will really have the experiences to tell.

Saturday morning after camp I picked up the team at Keith and Vivian's and took them to Kilometer 47. We had a good meeting there Saturday evening with 140 present. Then Sunday morning we had our Kombi bookstall at the Feira (open market). We slept in the rice warehouse of R. Nunes! The team said they didn't sleep too much that night.

Sunday afternoon we hurried back to Belem and Icoaraci to start the tent meeting at Canudos. Ralph Schwartz and I did the interpreting in Belem. What a crowd we had in our home at Icoaraci, since the Schwartzes were with us for a month before their house was ready in Belem. Then we were hoping that our house near the school would be ready, but with the team here we just had to let it go for the time being. Eileen and the boys are painting the bedrooms this week.

The week in Belem was not the easiest. The tent was noisy. But there were many decisions among the children, and interest was good. Many visitors were there from the community, since the tent was on a vacant lot near the church lot. The last night the Icoaraci church rented a bus and took about forty-five along with their choir, to sing at the meeting. We took the team on the bus and they played and sang. Eddie Boy and Stanley are enjoying the company of the boys here, too. I think they believe that some of the food, customs, and so on, are a little quaint!

Saturday night we had to get all of our baggage ready since we had to be at the airport at 6 a.m. to come over here to Macapa. We were all a little tired Sunday night when we got into our hammocks. The food here with the pastor is a little different, but very good.

We will close here Saturday evening and leave Sunday morning for Belem, and go on to Capanema for three days. Bill Burk will interpret for the team there and then take them overnight to Salinas to rest (it says here!). Then to Kilometer 47 for one more night and back to Icoaraci for the final night before leaving on Wednesday morning, August 7, for the States, I believe.

All in all, we are encouraged with the meetings. We will probably see most of the results in the future when the seed that has been sown takes root and sprouts. Pray for us and for the follow-up.

From Rev. Robert Williams, Batangafo, Central African Republic:

While we were home on furlough, we spoke several times about the great need among the Gama tribe in the north part of our district. Some of the children of the Kittanning (Pennsylvania) church have been praying for these people, we know, and perhaps some others have, too. Now the African churches are getting interested in the Gama people and are looking for volunteers to work among them. We took a delegation of African pastors through there in May. We drove seventy-five miles and visited a number of large villages (passed others for lack of time). There is only one worker in the area, and he can scarcely read. All of the chiefs and leaders expressed a desire to have a pastor among them.

Please keep praying. Perhaps soon we can tell you there are missionaries (African) among the Gama. One member of the delegation became quite interested and may volunteer to go.

From the Lynn Schrocks, Argentina:

A father spoke to Lynn about his children, who, he said, will no longer be able to attend our classes since they are preparing for their "First Communion," and also because of pressure from his family. In the conversation he mentioned that as a boy he attended our Sunday school in Tancacha until his mother took him out. He recognizes that we have "more truth" than his church. They have noted a change in their children for good already after the few times they have been in our children's classes. He said that once they have taken First Communion they can do what they want.

This sort of thing is very common in Catholic countries, but I recall one tragic case. A mother who took away not only her children, but also most of the neighbor children from our classes, died from a very sudden illness three days after the children took their First Communion. How true is God's Word: "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6).

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE



A new MHC was started



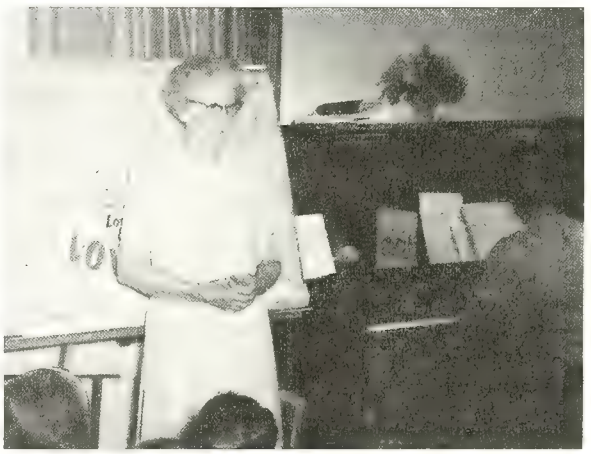
A nice group of boys and girls

MHC IN WASHINGTON STATE

A little town in Washington State's Yakima Valley is called Harrah, and that is where the Harrah Brethren Church is located. In that church is a lady named Mrs. Fisher, who loves boys and girls and has worked with them for many years.

Several months ago a new Missionary Helpers Club was started in Harrah, and Mrs. Fisher is the leader of the club. One Sunday the pastor of the church, Rev. Charles Winter, took pictures of the MHC, and Mrs. Fisher sent them to be used on the Children's Page. You will see that this is a nice group of boys and girls, and there are even more of them, Mrs. Fisher says, since some were absent that day.

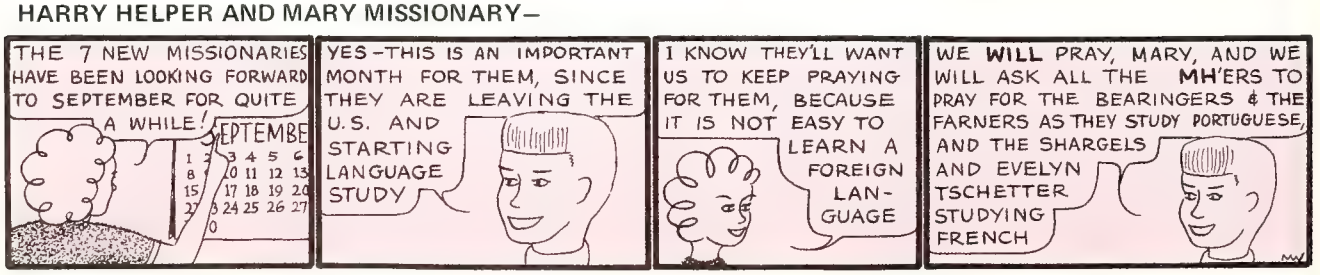
Here is a list of the boys and girls: Cathy and Terry Cruz; Debra and Patsy Ashue; Sally Ann Rodriquez; Brian and Stevie Winter; Felicia Rodriquez; Joey Smiscon; Phillip Rodriquez; David and Julie Jensen; Mary Ellen, Wendy Sue, and Bobby Adams; Sherry and Allan McDowell; Lloyd Harger; John, Jeffrey, and Kevin Crews; Donnie, Terri, and Lorraine Houghton; and Sally Stover.



Mrs. Fisher is the leader

Boys and girls, since this Children's Page was written up, both Mrs. Fisher and her husband, Mr. Burdette Fisher, went to be with Jesus after a bad automobile accident. Pray that God will give the Harrah MHC a new leader to take the place of their dear Mrs. Fisher.

HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY—



OUR FATHER'S GREATNESS

Be not dismayed when things go not as thou wouldst choose;
Our Father's plan is perfect. Each detail
A purpose has; and He in His great wisdom, love,
Doth make the "insignificant" avail.

We can be sure no episode is there for nought;
He nothing wastes. No thing superfluous
Would He permit but all things expertly combines;
Together they work out for good for us.

Though circumstances seem completely evil, bad,
Though situations seem beyond repair,
Although our human minds can but disaster see,
Be sure His mighty hand is working there.

Does not this very thing our Father's greatness prove?
Who else could work in such a marv'lous way
That from all human blunders, tragedies, and ruins
His good results and foe is turned to prey?

No evil wrought, however great, could baffle God,
Could hinder, weaken His omnipotence.
All things are under His divine control,
Each one permitted; not one thing's by chance.

So fix, O soul, thine eyes on God; and trust in Him
Who always worketh all things for the best.
There's no exception; God's completely sov'reign still.
In Him and in His greatness thou canst rest.

—Bertha Abel

Bible Teaching and Evangelism in Missions

By Rev. Lynn Schrock

"Go ye therefore, and teach . . . teaching" (Matt. 28:19-20).

The word for "teach" in Jesus' command is different from the word "teaching." The first means "make disciples or learners," and the second means simply "teach." The first speaks of evangelism and the second of education.

The first means that the missionary should be unceasingly at the work of evangelism. With gospel tracts always in our pockets and eyes constantly looking for opportunities to speak to others of the Lord Jesus Christ, we should ever be looking to the Lord for His guidance in this matter.

Other activities try to displace this all-important task, much to Satan's satisfaction. And we are prone to lose sight of the absolute necessity of this task, justifying ourselves in the thought that after all we are doing the Lord's work. I say this, believing that my own reasoning on this matter is not unique among Christians.

I've often wondered why Christians in general are not more spontaneous in their testimony to the world. Probably many factors contribute to this reticence. Could one of these be that the marvels of the Gospel no longer "live" in our hearts as they once did? Possibly we have not "forgotten" that we were purged from our old sins, but is this memory as vivid in our thinking as it once was? Are the reading and hearing of the great truths of our salvation abundantly accompanied with silent meditation and prayerful thanksgiving? Or are these great and marvelous truths simply cold facts in cold hearts? If so, that is largely why we are not ready witnesses for our Lord.

But evangelism is only part of the Lord's command. "Teaching" is the other part.

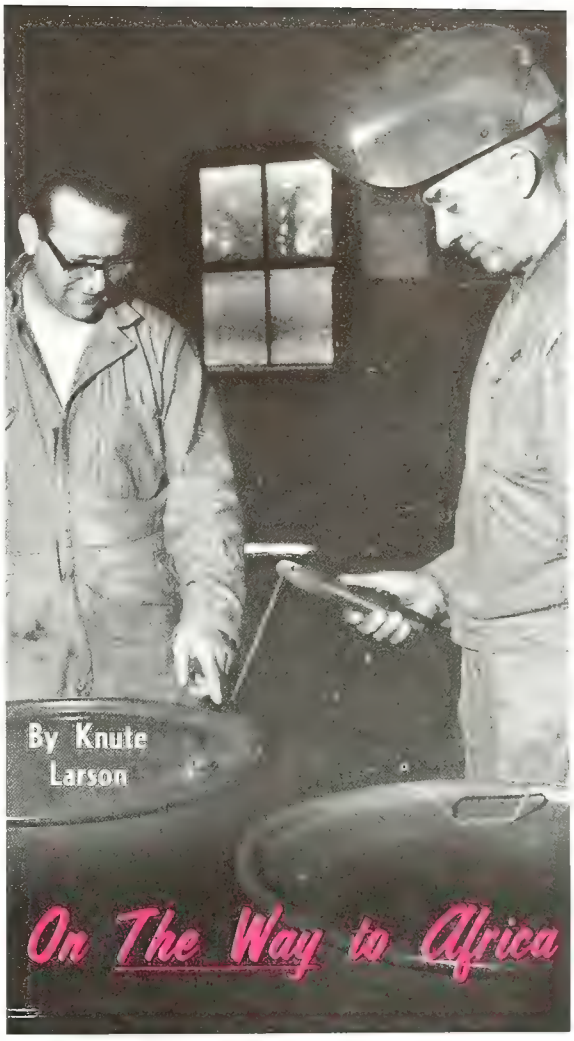
It is not simply teaching, but teaching with a purpose. And it is not simply for the sake of knowing; rather, it is for the sake of observing, or obeying. Obedience is the end and goal of real Christian teaching, whether in the congregation or in the Bible institute. We revel in the wonderful truths of the Word, such as fulfilled prophecy and the harmony of the prophetic Word concerning the future. However, all these truths are couched in practical contexts that require obedience on the part of the student.

Life is real; the judgment is sure; and opportunities to live, serve, and win others are ours today. Tomorrow may be too late.

Therefore, we should read and hear the Word with an open, obedient heart. And likewise, we should teach it to the end that our listeners become not only hearers, but also doers of the Word.

This is a long, arduous task, with many disappointments. But Christ's promise is ever true and a constant encouragement: "Lo, I am with you alway."

"It is not simply teaching, but teaching with a purpose."



George Peters and Ivan Moomaw prepare the barrels for shipping.

Allied, United, and the other moving vans make no stops in Bozoum, Central African Republic.

It's a bit out of the way.

So if you're really determined to be a missionary in that area of God's world, there's this matter of getting your clothes, furniture, baseball gloves, and other necessities over there.

The baseball gloves are necessities when you have four growing, throwing boys as do George and Jane Peters, of Wooster's First Brethren Church.

So are three years' supply of shoes and Bermudas and shirts and such. The shoes filled the trunk of their car; the Bermudas included seventy-two pairs—in each case they bought three sizes for each boy. "And already I goofed by buying size twelves for Dan and Dave, and they just now grew out of that," Mrs. Peters said toward the end of the packing.

Packing for Africa means crating everything you can't put in a barrel. It means wrapping even pots and pans with towels and pillows because they will rub holes in each other while on the boat if you don't. It means making over a dozen lists of everything and its value for officials on the way. For the Peters, who couldn't have kept track of their own days and hours, it meant help of over 200 man hours from people in the church who knew this whole thing was a worthy cause because the Africans need a printer, and another family to help in the Cause there.

Larry Shock, a new Christian, helped sand the rust off the barrels to get them painted and later wrote me about how much he felt he had accomplished "with what little help I gave." John Armstrong and family converted their turkey truck into a van for crates and took the furniture and boxed items right to the dock in Brooklyn to save money from the outfit fund.

People from the church with pencils and hammers and tractors pitched in.

It's hard to say where everything is right now, but fourteen barrels and eleven crates were shipped or taken to the docks by May 18, with a prayer that the delivery at Bangui might be premature. It usually takes about six months.

And in the meantime, it takes something to live out of suitcases. "The boys are good sports about all this," their parents said; "as long as their sports equipment gets there they'll be happy." Of course, they all want their food order for a year to get there, too;—that comes from Holland, New York City, and South Africa.

Yes, Bozoum and Yaloke and Bangui in Central African Republic are a bit out of the way.

Out of the way, that is, unless you, like the Peters six, are committed to Christ and His commission, and know that He wills to use you as a "fellow laborer" with Him in Africa.

Then it's right on The Way. ▼



Photos by Galen Moomaw

The Peters boys: L to R: Dan, Dave Phil, Tom.



No Choice of Bride

By Dr. Jake Kliever

Preparations for the wedding are under way. Neither the bride nor the groom has ever seen the other. They are soon to meet for the first time.

She no doubt has been wondering what kind of husband she is about to get. Is he good looking or ugly? Is he tall or short? Is he slender or fat? Is he strong and healthy, or is he weak and sickly? Is he jolly and lively, or is he dull and sullen? Is he good natured and understanding, or is he quick-tempered and quarrelsome? Will he be industrious and a good provider, or will he be slothful and unbusinesslike?

The young man, no doubt, has also been wondering along some of the same lines. He may not be so deeply concerned about them as the girl, as the practice of polygamy in Africa makes it possible for him to take another wife if this one does not please him. In the second marriage he might have some choice.

It very often happens that the families of the involved young people make all the arrangements, and the young people have no voice, or very little, in the matter. Quite often the young people meet each other for the first time when they appear for the wedding preliminaries.

These family-arranged marriages turn out well in a surprising number of cases. The young people learn to know and love each other and have a good life together. In some cases they do not learn to love each other, but out of respect of their families and village opinion, they make the best of their situation. There are also cases, of course, where the marriage breaks up, some even in the first week.

Would it be a good idea for our marriage partner to be chosen for us by our families? It would be something like a blind date, only it would be decidedly more lasting! It might be a way of foregoing a lot of worries or joys in our courtship, dates, going steady, engagement, marriage, and honeymoon. Why not just let the family make all arrangements? At the wedding you will be introduced and expected immediately to take the marriage vows. Before we make a decision like that, it might be well to think about all of this from another angle.

Did it ever dawn upon you that the very first groom in human history did not see his bride until she was brought to him? In fact, he didn't even know he was going to be married! He had no choice in the matter. There were no other girls around from which to make a choice. She was presented to him, and it was over; they were pronounced man and wife. He was thrilled and happy. The principles of marriage were announced and set up for all future marriages.

"I am for an arranged marriage, provided . . . "

Although there are similarities, there are also differences in the two arrangements. The African marriage is arranged entirely by man. Man is prone to making mistakes, and so there is little chance of a good record. The marriage of Adam and Eve was arranged entirely by God, who is not able to do wrong. It is true, even their marriage turned out to have sin and sorrow and difficulties. But this was due, not to God's arranging, but to their departure from God's will and plan for their lives. They went their own way, setting aside God's counsel, and suffered for their folly.

The marriages of the Old Testament are an interesting study. There are several marriages where God guided the participants, and they were good ones; one example is that of Isaac and Rebecca. Some marriages came about as young people sought God's will and followed the counsel of their God-fearing elders; an example of this is Jacob and Rachel. There are also stories of young, headstrong youths who disregarded God's will and the counsel of their elders, and sorrow was the result; an example is the case of Samson and Delilah.

It saddens our hearts to note how many of our family members, friends, and otherwise good Christians have unhappy marriages, broken homes, divorces, and often remarriages with no better success. What happened? In most cases, it was that when they took this very important step, they acted independently of God's will and took no careful heed to His rules in this matter. There are those who started out all right, but after they were married, they started planning their lives independently of God, some even knowingly rejecting what they knew to be God's will for their lives. Consequently, theirs became a pathway of unhappiness, heartaches, and even separation. We cannot afford to disregard the Lord's will and way in this very important matter of the married life.

I am for an arranged marriage, provided God is the Arranger and the Lord takes the headship of the home. A pastor from Russia told us at Biola how he proposed to his girl friend. He said, "Katherina, you know that the Lord Jesus is number one in my life and that the church is number two. Do you want to be number three?"

I am writing this as a testimony on the eve of our thirty-eighth wedding anniversary. My wife and I are very thankful that we made sure of the Lord's will as to our life together—our marriage, our career or service, and all the decisions involved. The result has been wonderful fellowship and companionship in the Lord and His work. Our lives have been enriched by many friends in many lands, the enjoyment of His choice blessings, and the privilege of seeing fruit of our labors for Him.

The Lord has used various means—good times, difficult times, sadness, and many joyous experiences—all of them bringing us continually into a greater appreciation and love for each other and for Him, as well as a deeper insight into His love for us. His plan is perfect and so wonderful! What we would have missed if we had tried to plan our own lives! ▼

Church News

WINONA LAKE, IND. Delegates to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches' 79th Annual Conference elected the following officers for 1968-69: moderator, Dr. Russell D. Barnard; vice-moderator, Rev. Wesley Haller; secretary, Rev. Clyde K. Landrum; assistant secretary, Rev. Phillip Simmons; treasurer, Mr. Frank Poland; statistician, Mr. Kenneth E. Herman; Committee on Committees, Harold H. Etling, Earle E. Peer, James Custer; Executive Committee officers, Herman W. Koontz, chairman, Jesse B. Deloe, Jr., secretary. On Thursday, Aug. 15, a new delegate attendance record was set when a total of 248 ministerial and 428 lay delegates were in attendance, for a grand total of 676.

EVERETT, PA. On July 21, Ronnie Hann, missionary from Brazil, spoke at both Sunday services of the Grace Brethren Church. From the Sunday school, the church, and a special gift from the young people's Sunday school class he received an offering of $859 for his work in Brazil. Homer Lingenfelter, pastor.



FINDLAY, OHIO. Timothy Bibler and Todd Baker received their God and Country award in scouting on Aug. 11 at the Findlay Brethren Church Church. The award involves one year's work in studying the Bible, the church and its mission outreach, plus Christian service assignments. Former pastor Daniel Eshleman, who was in charge of the service, made the presentation. Pictured above are Mrs. Theron Bibler, Timothy Bibler, Todd Baker, and Mrs. Eugene Baker.

MAITLAND, FLA. Dedication of the new Grace Brethren Church will be held Sunday, Sept. 22, at 4 p.m. Speaker will be Rev. Lester E. Pifer. Brethren within driving distance are invited to attend. Herman W. Koontz, pastor.

CHANGES. The following have changes of address: Rev. Howard Snively, R. R. 1, Box 1222, Wapato, Wash. 98951. Vernon W. Schrock, 226 Hammond Ave., Waterloo, Iowa 50702. Rev. Lee Crist, 1239 Mockingbird, Charlotte, N.C. 28209. Rev. R. H. Kettell, Accident, Md. 21520. Rev. William Snell, 121 Woodlawn Ave., Martinsburg, Pa. 16662. Rev. Glenn Coats, 1830 West Main Cross St., Findlay, Ohio 45840.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hobert and Linda Kline spent three weeks doing missionary work in Mexico. Barb Hobert, who had been doing missionary work in Haiti this summer, met them in Texas. They then joined a group of 40 who went into service in Mexico. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Grace Brethren Church is preparing for its annual fall evangelistic crusade, Sept. 8-15, featuring the Campbell-Reese Team from Ontario, Canada. Rev. Ken Campbell is a stirring Bible evangelist, and Rev. Jim Reese is an outstanding baritone vocalist and trombone soloist. Robert B. Collitt, pastor.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. The newly elected WMC officers of the Rosemont Brethren Church are: president, Betty Dell; vice-president, Joyce Davis; treasurer, Lola Jamison; prayer chairman, Judi Custer; SMM patroness, Anna Hare. Robert Dell, pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. The Community Brethren Church is holding a series of Special Summer Sunday Evenings in the beautiful new air-conditioned sanctuary. On Sunday evenings from Aug. 4 to Sept. 8 the services featured such personalities as Gerry and Alice Christenson, gifted Gospel musicians; Don McCrossan, Gospel music composer; Rev. Harry Williams, a key member of the Billy Graham Team; the Lang Sisters, internationally known Gospel recording artists; and Norman Nelson, the Singing Ambassador. Ward Miller, pastor.

October Bible Reading Calendar

OCTOBER			
DATE	MORNING	EVENING	
1	ISAIAH 22, 23	EPHESIANS	3
2	ISA. 24, 25, 26	EPHESIANS	4
3	ISAIAH 27, 28	EPHESIANS	5
4	ISAIAH 29, 30	EPHESIANS	6
5	ISA. 31, 32, 33	PHILIPPIANS	1
6	ISA. 34, 35, 36	PHILIPPIANS	2
7	ISAIAH 37, 38	PHILIPPIANS	3
8	ISAIAH 39, 40	PHILIPPIANS	4
9	ISAIAH 41, 42	COLOSSIANS	1
10	ISAIAH 43, 44	COLOSSIANS	2
11	ISA. 45, 46, 47	COLOSSIANS	3
12	ISAIAH 48, 49	COLOSSIANS	4
13	ISA. 50, 51, 52	I THES.	1
14	ISA. 53, 54, 55	I THES.	2
15	ISA. 56, 57, 58	I THES.	3
16	ISA. 59, 60, 61	I THES.	4
17	ISA. 62, 63, 64	I THES.	5
18	ISAIAH 65, 66	II THES.	1
19	JEREMIAH 1, 2	II THES.	2
20	JEREMIAH 3, 4	II THES.	3
21	JEREMIAH 5, 6	I TIMOTHY	1
22	JEREMIAH 7, 8	I TIMOTHY	2
23	JER. 9, 10	I TIMOTHY	3
24	JER. 11, 12, 13	I TIMOTHY	4
25	JER. 14, 15, 16	I TIMOTHY	5
26	JER. 17, 18, 19	I TIMOTHY	6
27	JER. 20, 21, 22	II TIMOTHY	1
28	JER. 23, 24	II TIMOTHY	2
29	JER. 25, 26	II TIMOTHY	3
30	JER. 27, 28	II TIMOTHY	4
31	JER. 29, 30	TITUS	1

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Arvada, Colo.	Sept. 15-20	Robert Firl	Scott Weaver
Denver, Colo.	Sept. 22-27	F. Thomas Inman	Scott Weaver
Cheyenne, Wyo.	Sept. 29-Oct. 3	Robert Whited	Scott Weaver
Defiance, Ohio	Sept. 8-15	Maynard Tittle	Dean Fetterhoff
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	Sept. 22-29	Kenneth Koontz	Dean Fetterhoff

TEMPLE HILLS, MD. Mr. Lee Lindsay, a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, will be moving to Baltimore, where he will assume his new responsibilities as program director of the Heart Association of Maryland. James Dixon, pastor.

BARBERTON, OHIO. On July 28 Dr. Kenneth Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church in Wooster, Ohio, was the speaker at the installation service for Rev. Kenneth Cosgrove, the new pastor of the First Brethren Church of Norton. His message, entitled "Living for Jesus," was a tremendous challenge to both the new pastor and the people.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Patricia M. Smock and Richard A. Lemon, July 3, North Buffalo Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.

Judy Lee Beveridge and Gary Lee Creel, Aug. 2, North Buffalo Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.

Linda Ashman and Dennis Brown, Aug. 3, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Phyllis Owen and Joe Bowman, Aug. 3, Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Betty Jean Rogers and Linden Eugene Lewis, Aug. 4, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Sally Boyer and Al Spangler, Aug. 10, First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Fay Huelsman and Darell Elliott, Aug. 10, Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Susan Lanning and Jerry Neff, Aug. 10, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Mary Lee Miller and Joel Berger, Aug. 16, La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.

Linda Edmiston and Richard Dilling, Aug. 17, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Joan Arlene Brown and Keith Edward Shorb, Aug. 24, Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Carrell Myers and Terry Nixon, Aug. 24, First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Debbie Smith and Fred Shields, July 27, Grace Brethren Church, Minerva, Ohio.

Sharon Louise Grubb and David Edward Clark, June 22, Long Beach, Calif.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

GERNHARDT, Gail, four-year-old daughter of one of the faithful families of the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind., died on July 27, when she drowned on a church outing. M. L. Myers, pastor.

HESS, Clair, 56, a member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., died on Aug. 2. Daniel J. Grabill, pastor.

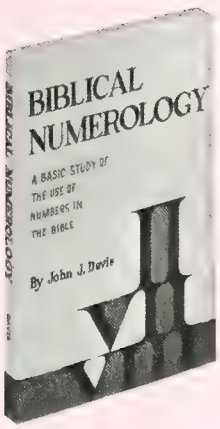
NAGLE, Carl J., a member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., died July 30 after an extended illness. Daniel J. Grabill, pastor.

PERDUE, Maude Carter, went to be with the Lord on June 4. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

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BIBLICAL NUMEROLOGY

By John J. Davis



Biblical Numerology is a basic study of the use of numbers in the Bible. Realizing that this important area of Bible study has been represented by those who have sought to present the spectacular and unusual, and that a real problem of Biblical numerology remains, the author collects, analyzes, and classifies numbers and their use in the Bible; he defines the nature and use of numbers in Scripture, and seeks to establish principles for use in the interpretation of Biblical numbers.

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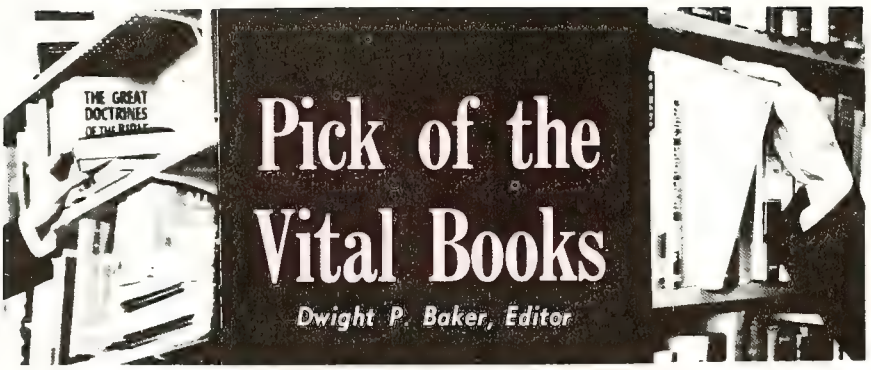
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My Friend, the Enemy

William E. Pannell (Waco, Texas: Word Books, 1968), 131 pages, $3.95.

"The worst thing you can be in these days of heady madness is a Negro. At least if that's all you've got going for you" (page 5). As a Christian on the dark side of the American color bar, Pannell has reaped the full benefits of segregation—the closed beaches and restaurants, the "cultural lobotomy" of our educational system, the decree against interracial dating at the fundamentalist Bible college which had no Negro co-eds, the galling paternalism of *your* songs, *your* color, *your* people, *your* place. In America, "not all nonwhite people are black. They are simply inferior" (page 92).

Pannell presents the Negro's alienation in America powerfully, though his essay almost seems irenic compared to John H. Griffin's *Black Like Me.* He correctly endorses the Negro's aspirations for equality and full integration. The trenchant criticism of fundamentalist social ethics is not intended to soothe complacent consciences. Rather, he calls evangelicals to their rightful place at the vanguard of the search for a more just society.

As to the church, "young people aren't that stupid. They know why the church moved, so now convince them that God is calling them to Africa. The white child growing up in these sterile Christian ghettos needs my children more than he knows. But his parents continue to play the game—move farther out, discuss the church's mission in terms of Africa, South America and the Orient, and send a team to the rescue mission once a month. Small wonder evangelical kids would rather teach than preach" (page 99).

Nature Stories for Children

Vera Hutchcroft (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1967), 95 pages, paper, $1.50.

This book would be a profitable aid to Sunday-school teachers of children. It contains forty-one short stories not more than two or three pages long. Each story illustrates a Bible verse, using the characteristics of insects, animals or fish.—*Alice Koontz*

Mattie Mae

Edna Beiler (Scottdale, Pennsylvania: Herald Press, 1967), 109 pages, $2.50.

Mattie Mae tells all about the life and habits of a little Amish girl whose family numbers seven children in addition to Mom and Pop. Any primary child should enjoy reading about a life which would be strange to him—with its simple tasks, pleasures, and sorrows, like errand running, finding a nest of baby kittens, losing an uncle, and having cousin day. The book may seem tame to children whose steady diet is the weird output of today's TV, but it is a most healthy change and might help your child to realize that true life is more than the abundance of material things.—*Doris Julien*

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Learning to Love God
Learning to Love Ourselves
Learning to Love People

Richard Peace (Chicago: Inter-Varsity Press, 1968), 63, 61, and 73 pages, paper, $1.00 each, $2.75 set.

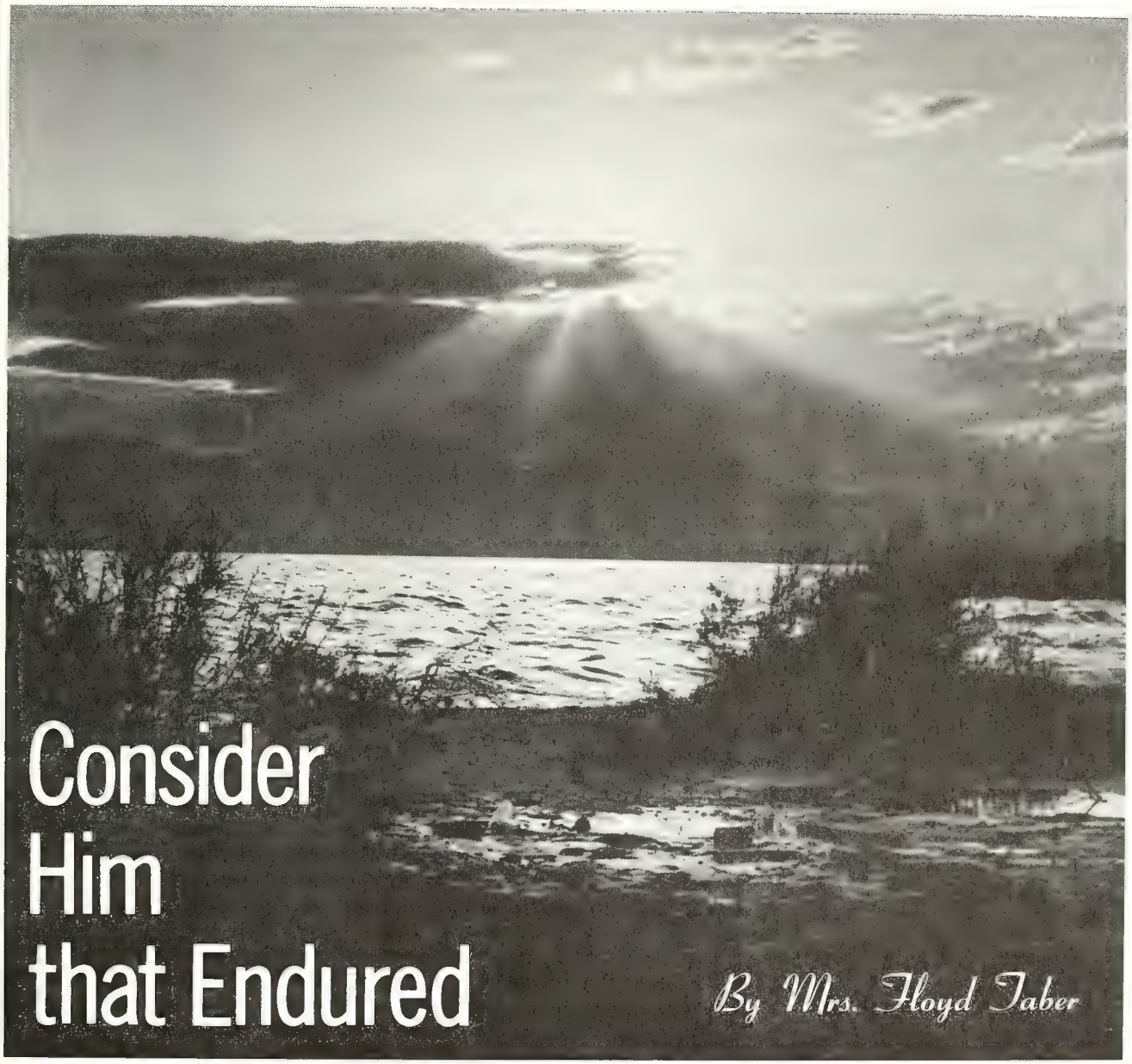
With three books of five lessons each on the three directions our love should go, this is good stuff.

The fill-in questions get you looking at Bible verses, make you sort out the important facts, but also promote brainstorming as you are asked how the facts apply and how you can put them to work right now. Sure, there are still the answers that seem so easy it's almost embarrassing to answer them—like the question about the phrase, "who art in heaven": "What further information does this give you about God?" But the three lines for the answer do hint that the author wants more than "That He's in heaven," and a discussion of His transcendence might be in order. In many cases simple answers would be passing, but there is room for real thought, and thus for real benefit from these studies.

Each lesson includes a bibliography on the subject and the best quote to be found by the author from books related to that lesson.

Mr. Peace recommends that the studies be personal—no copying or comparing. His plea for honesty (*The Taste of New Wine* type) is backed up by questions that have you listing your strengths, your weaknesses, and what you think about them. Book Three has you telling just how you use time and money to help hungry and poor people, the church, and evangelism.

The differing thoughts on the sacraments in a brief section on worship, or the listing now and then of books by someone you might have heard to be neo-something, should not stymie the use of this good stuff by Brethren youth groups, new converts' classes, or anyone who wants to think through the whole subject of love. If they do, you flunk his lesson on freedom and differences on certain issues (Book Two). What he says about mashed potatoes in that lesson is just plain excellent. So is his opening chapter on what it really means to be a believer and know God.—*Knute Larson*



Consider Him that Endured

By Mrs. Floyd Taber

The Epistle to the Hebrews has for many years been one of the most precious books of the Bible to me. Each chapter, as I read it again, thrills me through and through. It also humbles me.

And so I would like to share with you a few of the gems I have stored in my heart from this book.

I have chosen for a springboard for our meditation verses 1 to 3 of chapter 12. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

I would like to underscore three phrases in these verses: "looking unto Jesus," "consider him who endured," and "lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

"Looking unto Jesus." The words "looking unto" do not mean giving a passing glance. They mean to view with undivided attention, to regard fixedly and earnestly. This requires drawing near.

In Africa, in places where there are no bridges, cars are ferried across the rivers on barges. These barges are not always reassuring structures. Planks laid crosswise over several canoes side by side, with two planks laid lengthwise over these for the wheels, are about all that comprise them. Since the approaches to the barges are often steep and not well aligned with the barges, it takes a bit of maneuvering. In order to get on and off safely, the driver must trust one of the crew who stands in the middle of where the wheels should go. With his hands the guide directs, moving slowly backwards onto the barge, shouting encourage-

ments. If the driver is impatient or inattentive, he risks missing the planks and going into the water instead, perhaps even losing his life.

In accepting Jesus as our Saviour, we have set our feet on a course which is leading us to a goal. Jesus himself has warned us that it will not be an easy road. But He never asks us to do anything which He has not tried. He has trod that road and has long since reached the goal. In order not to lose our way or stumble as we go, we must keep our attention fixed on Him. We must walk as He walked.

"Consider him that endured." This also means "to consider attentively." Have you ever said of someone you admire, "I don't see how he can do all he does"? Perhaps you wish you could do as much.

If you really want to know the why and how of another's attainments, you can't stop with the wondering. You will have to make an effort to get acquainted, to observe him in everyday life and habits. This also requires "drawing near," in a sense.

So let us consider the Lord Jesus now in the light of a few passages in this book.

In chapter 1 we note that when, in the plan of God, the Creator and upholder of all things became flesh, He obtained a more excellent name than the angels. Of Him God said, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee." "I will be to him a Father and he shall be to me a Son."

In chapter 2, verses 9 to 18, we get a glimpse of what it meant for our Lord to become man. He had to lay aside His glory, step down to our level, and live among men in a world cursed by God for its sinfulness. Finally, He was to suffer death at the hands of these very men.

Between His birth and His death there was a long road of sufferings, temptations, and testings. In chapter 5, verse 8, we are told, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." He who knew no sin had to be made perfect through sufferings! He had to learn what it was like to be poor, to be misjudged, to be mocked, hated and cursed as a man at the mercy of fellow creatures, and to rise above it all.

Why was all this necessary? "That he might be a merciful and faithful high priest . . . to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." Christ became both our high priest and the sacrifice, having been made perfect through sufferings. This was the will of the Father in order that we might become His children, too.

What was the attitude of the Son in all of this? We read, "For which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren" (Heb. 2:11). I never cease to marvel at this. Have you ever been ashamed of yourself? I have, and with good reason. It is not because we suddenly become so perfect and holy that He loves us. He knows all our faults and failings, and yet He is not ashamed of us. He came to bear your shame and mine! We read also, "For the joy that was set before him [he] endured the cross, despising the shame" (Heb. 12:2). Jesus did it willingly. He did not count it too great a price to pay in order to reach the goal. In Isaiah 53 we read, "He shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied." To Him who so loved us, it will have been worth it all.

Why should He love me so? "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!" (I John 3:1).

"Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to him that appointed him" (Heb. 3:1-2). Jesus went through to the end. He accomplished His mission. The way to God is open and free to all. Because of His faithfulness, we have become children of God. We have a hope both sure and steadfast of going to be with Him in glory forever.

But to walk worthy of this heavenly calling would be utterly impossible if we could not or did not depend on our guide. Christ had all the forces of Satan lined up against Him. And yet He did not sin. And He expects us to follow Him. He has promised to be with us to the end. He is there to guide us around the pitfalls, to help us over the obstacles, and to bring us to the goal. It is for us to keep our eyes fixed upon Him and to trust Him. Then we, too, shall be able to endure to the end. ▼

Philippians 4:19

All my need, dear Father?
Not just my daily bread?
Not only clothes to keep me warm,
A roof above my head?

All my need, dear Father?
To know You at my side,
When darkness veils the road ahead,
My patient, loving Guide?

All my need, dear Father?
A friend when others fail,
A source of joy in deepest grief,
Of courage when I quail?

All my need, dear Father?
Yes, from Thy bounteous store,
With riches overflowing,
All these I get, and more.

I have Thy blessed promise.
Within Thy book I read,
According to Thy riches
Thou wilt supply all need.

—Lucile H. Smith

Why Don't You Write?

"What will I say?" "They don't know me!" "Oh, really, I couldn't even get through a paragraph." "Can't you get someone else to do it?"

Surely you aren't guilty of these comments when asked to write a letter to one of our missionary ladies! This can be a very rewarding and worthwhile undertaking by your WMC or Sunday-school class. Here are some hints that will make it so easy you'll never have a reason for missing out on the joys of corresponding with our missionaries.

Letters mean a lot to those who serve our Lord away from home. (What's the first mail *you* look at when the postman comes?) The letter you write to a missionary also makes you so aware of her that you can't help but pray more for her. Therefore, you will have an even greater part in the harvest of those won to Christ through her labors.

To answer your "What will I say?" or "They don't know me," let me remind you that they don't have to know you! Housewives, Sunday-school teachers, office workers (and missionaries really do fit this description and many more in addition to the title "missionary") think and feel the same, whether they are carrying out their responsibilities in the United States, Africa, Argentina, Brazil, or anywhere else. Don't ask a lot of questions, but write some details about your children, or include a recipe or new homemaking tip that has just been published in a current women's magazine; in most cases your missionary won't even see that magazine for six months to a year, if ever. Maybe it will be a hint or recipe that "backfired" for you, but the details will make great reading to that missionary friend and no doubt brighten her day.

Tell her about your Sunday-school boys and girls. Maybe little Pete had some Bible truth turned around. It will bring first a chuckle and then joy to the missionary as she reads what you did to straighten out his confusion. We had one little boy in our church, which is partially a rural congregation, who always prayed for "the mission-berries in the corn field"! This amused several missionaries but also let them know that even our little people were remembering them in prayer.

Write about a Scripture verse that really spoke to your heart in your devotions that day, or give them a prayer request concerning you or a real need in your church. Missionaries are people who really know how to pray.

Use imagination as you write. Maybe the missionary you are writing is a personal friend, and your little six-year-old Penny became her friend, too, last furlough time. Why not write your letter on the back of some special school work paper or drawing of Penny's?

Try writing a "diary" letter, just a paragraph a day for one week concerning the events of that day. This will take only a few minutes each day and will acquaint the missionary with a week in your life. Instead of reading some magazine under the hair dryer at the beauty shop, feel "beautiful" inside, too, by writing a short note or air letter to a missionary!

Many WMC's have tried passing an air letter around their meeting and having each lady write a note on it. If you haven't tried this, do! For a new idea, perhaps you'd like to try what has been our WMC's practice for several years. Choose one, two, or three missionaries for the year. (Ours happen to be three missionaries that our church helps support, but they can be different every year.) Ask two ladies a month (one the first part of the month, the other, the latter) to write either an air letter (not very much space to fill up, really!) or a regular letter. Or at the beginning of the WMC year make a list of the time each member is to write or be responsible to see that someone writes. This obligates the person and usually gets the job done. It also involves more ladies, rather than using the same three or four volunteers over and over again.

Ask your pastor to post addresses in his news letter or bulletin, or to share on his bulletin board or in prayer service some special portion of a letter you've received from a missionary. Almost always, he'll be glad to do this, and it will encourage a few more to keep in touch with our missionaries.

Paul in his writings always asked for news of the Christians he had left in some other area. Our missionaries are always glad for even the briefest note from home. They share their letters, many times with other missionaries serving with them. It encourages them and reminds them that they are not forgotten.

Don't you be the one to let them feel we don't care. Write that letter today! The blessings will all be yours.

▼

(WMC editor's note: The article above is an editorial by Mrs. Kenneth Russell, taken from the Indiana District Gazette.*)*

Southeast Reports on Year, New Officers

The ladies of the Southeast District would like to express their appreciation to Mrs. Evelyn Bryant, who has served faithfully for the past three years as district WMC president.

To start the 1967-68 WMC year, shortly after the fall rally, a special mission project got under way and a Christmas offering totaling $112 was taken for the Clayhole, Kentucky, work. The ladies also provided luggage for the Lester Kennedy children for their trip to the Central African Republic to visit their parents this past summer.

Dishcloths, towels, pot holders, and aprons were provided for Camp Tuk-A-Way, and plans are presently under way to purchase a freezer for the camp. At the spring conference the ladies donated $100 to the Grace College library.

In order to keep everyone up to date on the latest happenings in the Southeast, the *WMC Newsette* is published in the spring and fall, with Mrs. Mildred Hartless serving as editor.

Local councils presented a display on a previously assigned mission field at district conference. Skits presented at the rallies have been informative as well as entertaining. A most inspiring part of the meetings has been the prayer time, when Mrs. Raymond Kettell, district prayer chairman, presented needs from all over the Brotherhood.

In an impressive candlelight ceremony at the May district conference, outgoing president Mrs. Evelyn Bryant installed the officers for the coming year, using "Hands of Service" as the theme. Each officer was presented with a corsage of "Praying Hands." The new officers are: president, Mrs. Zelda Boyd; vice-president, Mrs. Quentin Matthes; secretary, Mrs. Audrey Coffee; assistant secretary, Mrs. Tillie Campbell; treasurer, Mrs. Betty Naff; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Mary Jane Simmons; and prayer chairman, Mrs. Charles Thornton.

N.C. Ohio Holds First WMC Rally

Puerto Rico was the theme of the evening when the North Central Ohio District held its first rally at Fremont. Curios placed about the auditorium, programs and name tags, even the warm evening carried out the theme. The speaker was Mrs. James Dickson, recently returned from Puerto Rico, who read Isaiah 55 and commented on various verses as she told of her experiences. The project for the next quarter is to pay the fees of the Dickson children at the Mansfield Christian School. Their mother's joy as she expressed her gratitude thrilled all our hearts. Two Fremont ladies, Sharon and Jean Price, furnished music. The assistant prayer chairman, Mrs. Earl Dekker, led devotions.

The business of the evening was the organization of the new council. Innovations are to be an attendance award for each one who attends three out of four rallies and a plaque for the council with the highest percentage of members who read the Bible through.

The evening ended in the social rooms, where the Fremont ladies served a delicious salad and dessert smorgasbord and generously gave their recipes to eager inquirers.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

AFRICA–

Mrs. J. P. Kliever November 12
B.P. 13, Baibokoum, Chad, Africa

Rev. Donald F. Miller November 13
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. George E. Cone November 16
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mr. Gilbert Aellig November 28
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA–

Rev. Hill Maconaghy November 25
Quintana 353, Adrogue, F.C.G.R., Buenos Aires, Argentina

BRAZIL–

Mrs. George K. Wallace November 4
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Terry Mark Schwartz November 7, 1964
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Rev. Edward D. Miller November 11
Caixa Postal 368, Belem, Para, Brazil

MEXICO–

Rev. James P. Dowdy November 1
5864 Teal Lane, El Paso, Texas 79924

Rev. Phillip Guerena November 29
Apartado 8-961, Mexico 8, D.F.

PUERTO RICO–

Rev. Maxwell H. Brenneman November 29
P.O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico 00922

IN THE UNITED STATES–

Rev. C. B. Sheldon November 8
510 Rose Avenue, Long Beach, California 90812

Theodore Nelson Fay November 28, 1967
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Down - But Not Out!

Mrs. Hazel Flora, 154 North Main Street, Camden, Ohio 45311, has been a member of The Brethren Church since 1919—for forty-nine years—and would like to hear from Brethren people. She has received publicity in various media and among many churches, and has received cards from all parts of the U.S.

Until stricken in December, 1964, she, with her husband Orville, was a faithful worker in the Grace Brethren Community Church, West Alexandria, Ohio (Glenwood), serving in such capacities as teacher, treasurer, and WMC president. She looked forward each season to serving in youth camp, sometimes as cook.

Since her stroke Mrs. Flora has been bedfast but has not lost her ambition to regain her former activity for the Lord. She has a telephone by her bed, reads hundreds of Christian books and periodicals each year, and never tires of opening mail. Mr. Flora is her constant aid when not exercising his responsibility as Sunday-school superintendent.



Their pastor, Rev. Horace Mohler, wrote the accompanying verses on the third anniversary of Hazel's illness. The Floras' six married children, all Christians, report that this poem has been read in churches in many states.

HEALTH IS A BLESSING

By Horace Mohler

The angel touched my arm and spoke,
And startled by his voice, I woke.
"Get up," he said, "there comes the sun—
Another day has just begun!"
And with this most unsavory warning
I realized that it was morning.

I frowned and cried: "O bitter cup!
I am so tired of getting up!
Oh, how I long for that glad day
When you'll no longer come and say:
'The sun is up, the day is dawning;
Now rise and shine, for it is morning!' "

"Perhaps," said he, "you'll come along
And let me show you that vast throng,
That multitude who can but lay
And keep their beds day after day?"
"Oh, no," said I, "I'll not be going!"
But through the air we soon were flowing.

In one swift flash 'mid groans and glooms
I looked into ten thousand rooms,
Where lay the sick, the halt, the blind—
The weak and suffering of mankind.
I saw their months and years of lying,
I saw their tears, and heard their sighing.

In horror I recoiled and said:
"What endless years they spend abed!
How tired and tedious their days,
Their nights what long and bitter maze!"
I heard the little children crying,
I saw the gasping of the dying.

In tears I thought it could not be,
That these were bound, and I was free.
I cried, "O Lord, forgive my pleas
To lie in bed and take my ease!"
I felt a touch—I had been dreaming—
There stood my angel friend abeaming!

"Get up!" said he. "There is the sun;
Another day has just begun.
There are so many things to do,
And so I came to waken you!"
With happy shout my room resounding,
I leaped into the day rebounding!

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WMC Home Missions Offering

Poor Little Joe



Warsaw Christian School photo

As Christian parents you have prepared your child spiritually. You have taught him God's Word and helped him hide it in his heart. You have prayed with him; you have prayed for him. You carried him to God's house before he could walk. But now you wonder—what else can I do to help prepare him for the first radical change of environment—for the Big Adventure—for his first trip to school?

By Betty Dell

The laughing, chattering kindergarteners skipped into their pleasant room. They went more or less straight to the coat hooks and wrestled with buttons, zippers, boot buckles, and hats. After a suitable time for these efforts the lively group found their places, recited their morning greetings, and proceeded to soak up like sponges the atmosphere created by their well-planned classroom and well-trained teacher.

All but little Joe. He seemed dazed. Everything was new to Joe. No Mamma lovingly undid his clothes and hung them up for him. No big sister led him to his seat. Even sitting was an unknown procedure. Poor little Joe hadn't been prepared for starting school.

How can you keep your little angel from being a "little Joe"? Here are some suggestions gleaned from kindergarten teachers of long experience. These things will make the radical transition from home and Mamma's apron less painful, not only for little Joe, but also for his parents, classmates, and teacher.

Certain physical skills should be previously learned, as "coming to grips" with wraps and keeping track of his own. He should also be "tagged," his full name put on galoshes, coats, hats, lunch pails, and so on. He should be independent in the bathroom and no stranger to personal hygiene. He should know how to tie his shoes. He should be acquainted with the novelty of sitting still. Wonderful story-reading times, when the child sits quietly enthralled, should be habitual by school age.

Attention to directions can be learned at home, an invaluable lesson. Small jobs within his ability should be frequent and praise generous. The story times develop not only physical skill, but also mental attention. Varied trips and experiences that broaden his general contacts help. While visiting the zoo, riding a train, exploring a farm, and going shopping, teach observation. Coloring, both in lines and creatively, has its value. Making scrapbooks from wrapping paper and magazines is preparation that will be interesting to him.

Joe should know his full name, address, and telephone number. When he wants to learn to write his name, as most Joe's do, the schools prefer that it be taught in small printing, only first letters capitalized. It helps to teach him to spell it orally, too.

Your love and confidence behind him bolster him for the new, exciting adventure before him. Teach him to consider school a pleasure, an activity to anticipate. Help him learn enough to have self-confidence in this sometimes frightening new place.

Now dry your tears, Mommy, and send your prepared Joey off with a kiss! ▼

SMM-1968's Elite

The personal goal for each SMM girl is to memorize a book of the Bible and/or read a certain section of the Bible, depending upon which group the girl is in. The following SMM Honor Roll is composed of the girls who reached one of these goals this past year.

MEMORIZATION HONOR ROLL

NORTHERN OHIO

Seniors:

Betty Yoder—Middlebranch
John 10, 18—20
Cindy Hoffman—Middlebranch
John 1—4

Middlers:

Linda Kisner—Akron
I John
Vicki Kettering—Middlebranch
John 1—4
Cathy Eckelberry—Middlebranch
John 10, 15—17:3
Kim Gibson—Elyria
I John

Juniors:

Lois Kisner—Akron
I Thessalonians
Jill Burke—Akron
I Thessalonians

NORTHWEST

Seniors:

Sharon Mayes—Sunnyside, Wash.
John 1—4

Middlers:

Joy Mayes—Sunnyside, Wash.
John
Ann Mayes—Sunnyside, Wash.
I John

INDIANA

Middlers:

Becky Russell—Berne
I John

READING HONOR ROLL

ALLEGHENY

Middlers:

Robyn Firl—Meyersdale, Pa.
Old Testament
Paula Snell—Meyersdale, Pa.
Old Testament
Linda Pritts—Meyersdale, Pa.
Old Testament

INDIANA

Seniors:

Helen Moeller—Winona Lake
Bible
Judy Ashman—Winona Lake
Bible

Middlers:

Becky Russell—Berne
Old Testament

Juniors:

Nancy Kuhn—Berne
New Testament

NORTH ATLANTIC

Seniors:

Mary E. Knepper—York, Pa.
Bible
Judy Knepper—York, Pa.
Bible

NORTHERN OHIO

Juniors:

Deborah Roberts—Lexington, Ohio
New Testament
Cathy Brauchler—Lexington, Ohio
New Testament

AMERI-MEX

Seniors:

Margaret Churchill—San Ysidro, Calif.
Bible
Sandra Haag—San Ysidro, Calif.
Bible

Worldscope

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LONDON (EP)—Most Europeans believe in heaven but not in hell, according to a survey of opinion in ten countries conducted for *The Sunday Telegraph* by Gallup International.

Among the nations surveyed, Sweden showed the least attachment to traditional religious beliefs. In every country surveyed, a majority said that morals are getting worse.

Except for Greece, belief in hell was a minority opinion in all the countries surveyed. France had the second-lowest percentage, 22.

OCEAN CITY, N.J. (EP)—The Commissioner of Public Safety in this conservative resort city who tried to enforce an 1880 no-Sunday-selling law was overruled by a ruling that permitted a bookstore to sell Bibles.

Municipal Judge Franklin A. King ruled that a "flexible-back" book is a "quasi-magazine" and therefore legally salable on Sunday.

ST. LOUIS (EP)—U.S. theological schools must launch an aggressive program to enlist and train Negro clergymen and assist Negro ministerial students, Dr. C. Shelby Rooks told the American Association of Theological Schools.

Dr. Rooks, executive director of The Fund for Theological Education, Princeton, New Jersey, spoke during the closing sessions of the association's biennial meeting at Concordia Seminary.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (EP)—UNICEF's role in Africa is making the most of limited man (and woman) power. And the Republic of Chad is a good example.

Right now, there is only one doctor for every 73,000 people. Only one of the physicians is a native of Chad. There is only one qualified midwife in the entire country—and she is not active in the field because she is trying to teach others. Even here there is a problem because of slow educational progress; there are still very few young women available for training, even in the most basic medicine.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—Census Bureau statistics show that the U.S. birth rate dropped to a record low last year.

Americans recorded 17.9 births per 1,000 persons, below previous lows during the years of the economic depression.

The Census Bureau reported that the net increase in the population was the lowest since World War II at 1.08 per cent. The population at the start of this year was figured at 200,248,000 persons.

LOUGHBOROUGH, England (EP)—Marriage was rejected as a sacred or indispensable part of society in a statement received at the annual conference of the British Humanist Association here.

The document suggested that the titles "Mrs." and "Miss" be abandoned. It also said that many people would do better to seek personal fulfillment in some other way than through marriage, which, in certain circumstances, it charged, could become a millstone around persons' necks.

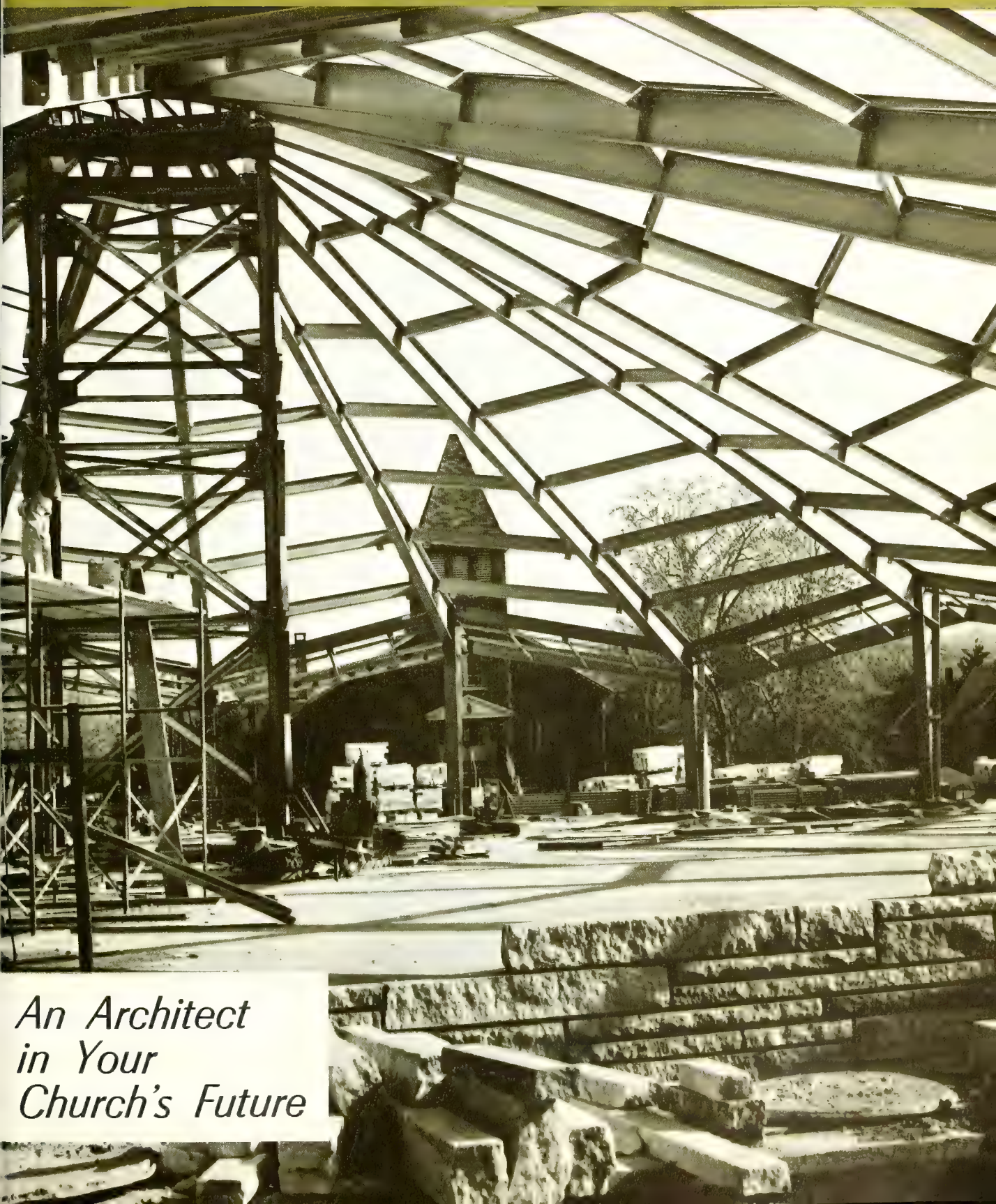
Further, it declared that love-making with third parties should not be frowned on if mutually acceptable.

BERNE, Switzerland (EP)—Some 5,600 students and youth leaders were told here by world-famous Paul Tournier that one of the major separations among young people today is between those who love things and those who love people.

In a speech to the Seventh Baptist Youth World Conference, Tournier interpreted the hippie actions in the U.S. and the student revolts in Paris, Rome, and Germany as being at least in part a profound disappointment with the present facelessness and impersonality of our mass culture.

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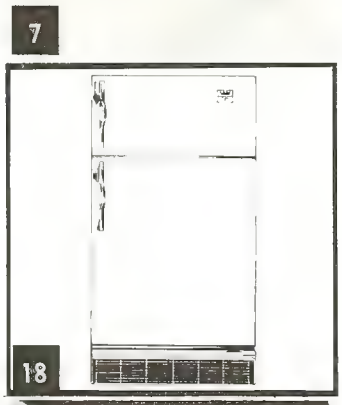
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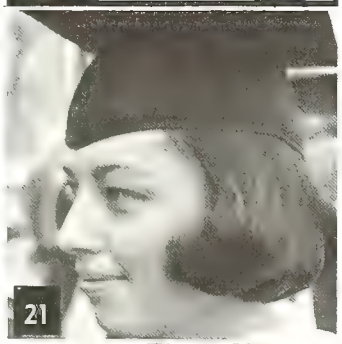
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The Editor Speaks . . . By Clyde K. Landrum

"Things of Value"

Periodically we need to heed the admonition of the song, "Count your many blessings, name them one by one." It helps to keep us up to date on what the Lord actually is doing for His own, and it keeps us encouraged in our work for Him.

For these and other reasons, recounting our blessings should not be routine or stereotyped. It is significant that God in His grace has brought us into His sphere of blessing. We should be excited about it! And this is exactly the feeling of those of us who serve Him in the Brethren Missionary Herald ministry. He has indeed blessed us in abundance. He has done many wonderful things here, things of value to all of us who are in any way connected with any phase of the BMH ministry.

One of the "new things" which He has given to us is the BMH Books ministry. This is a ministry of helping to get books by Brethren authors distributed more widely. We have some fine writers and it is good to have their material distributed as widely as possible. First in this series was the republication of Dr. A. J. McClain's book *The Greatness of the Kingdom,* a joint publishing venture by BMH Books and Moody Press. The second is the soon-to-be-published book by Dr. John Davis *Biblical Numerology,* a BMH Books-Baker Book House publication. It is hoped that others will follow. We are indeed grateful to God for His blessing.

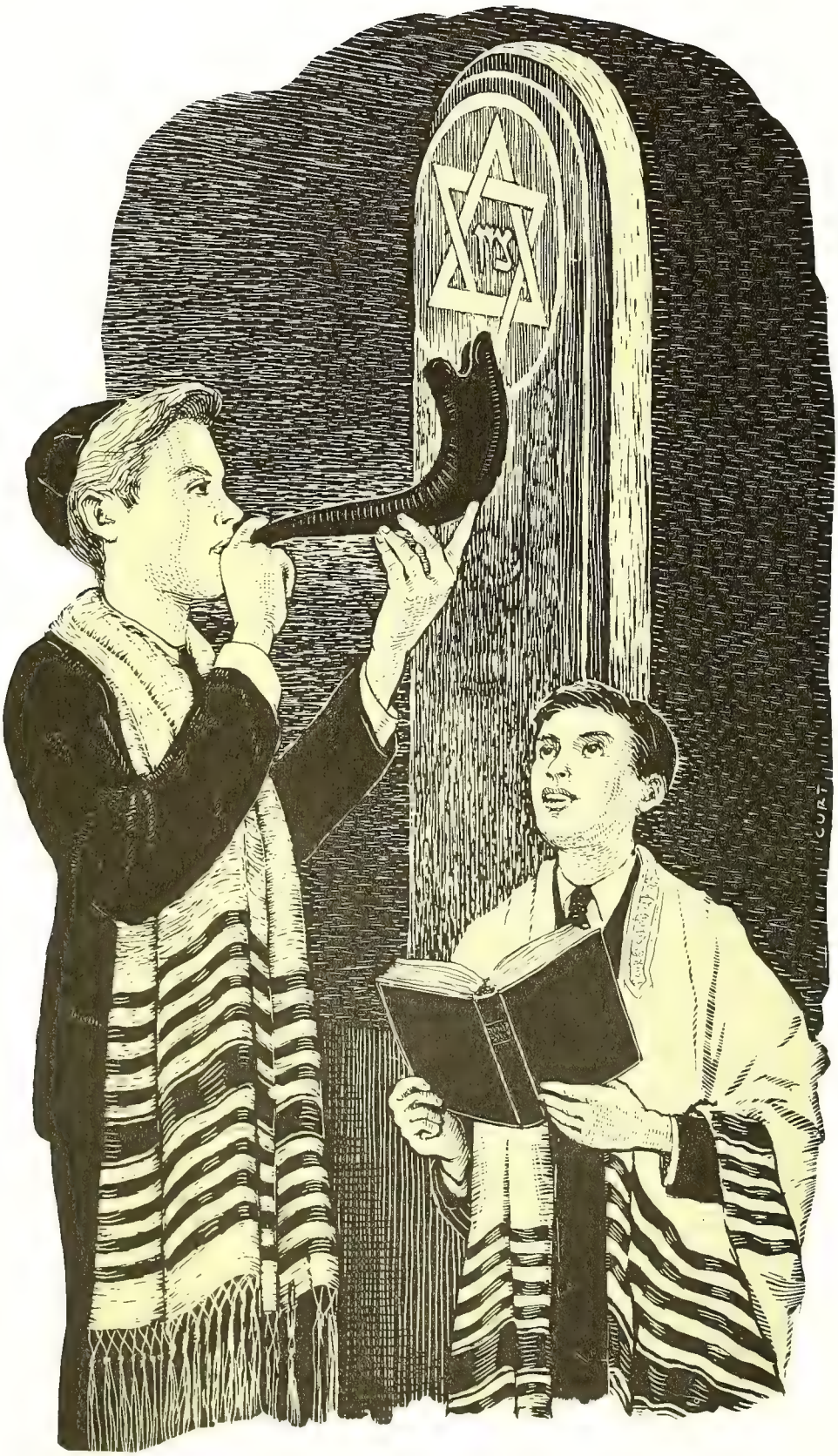
Another fine program is the production of stereo recordings. Jerry Franks' "Trumpet Conversations" has been well received, with numerous favorable comments from people across the nation. The recording ministry will of necessity move more slowly than the publishing of books, but we have made a significant beginning.

And for the *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine and its ministry to our people we are grateful. Over the years this magazine has been a blessing, and people still express great appreciation for it. In an editorial in the *Herald* dated October 21, 1967, I mentioned that the magazine is like a friend coming to our homes every two weeks, bringing us information and reports from the work that is being accomplished by our people across the nation and around the world. I mentioned at that time that we should welcome this friend, and give a place in our schedule of activities for availing ourselves of the news and reports it brings. I am not indulging in flattery when I say that I feel that many of our people do look forward with expectancy to the arrival of the *Herald.* More and more of our readers are subscribing for themselves and sharing a subscription with relatives and friends. More churches are becoming interested in using it in their calling program, and as a means of bringing new prospects up to date on the church and its outreach for Christ. For all of this we are grateful to God.

We are asking that you continue to stand with us, and that you help to expand the outreach and effectiveness of the magazine. While cost is a definite factor in publishing the magazine, we should not think of it as an expense but as an investment. Seeds must be purchased and planted before there can be a harvest of fruit. Our investment in the *Herald* will bring forth a harvest of fruit which will be pleasant to our own taste, and also to others with whom we share the magazine.

Costs are increasing rapidly. Inflation at times almost overwhelms us, but God supplies the need to carry on. In twenty-two years we have had only two subscription price increases. It is now essential that we increase the subscription price in all categories by fifty cents. Not a large amount at all, but an amount that will greatly help in keeping the operation "in the black." It is hoped that those with individual subscriptions will renew before the increase takes effect January 1, 1969, and that many will want to give subscriptions at the present rate as Christmas gifts. But most of all we hope that all of us will look upon this as a further investment to help in sending our friendly magazine into the homes of people around the world. We will in turn receive many blessings which we should not only count, but for which we should praise the Lord!

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DAYS OF AWE

These practices are touching, and no doubt those who follow them can come to the point of feeling there is some eternal value in them • By BRUCE BUTTON

The Days of Awe, or, as they are also known, the High Holy Days, comprise a period of ten days in the religious calendar of Judaism. This period begins with Rosh Hashanah and ends with Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah, which in Hebrew means "First of the Year," falls on September 23 this year. This is the beginning of the Jewish religious year. Yom Kippur, which means "Day of Atonement," falls on October 2. At sundown on the following day this Jewish holiday period ends.

The authority for Rosh Hashanah is set forth as Numbers 29:1-2 and Leviticus 23:24-25: "On the first day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work. It is a day for you to blow the Shofar."

According to Jewish tradition, on Rosh Hashanah God enters the heavenly palace and seats himself on His throne of mercy. He acts as judge and witness to every living creature. The record of the lives of all human beings is opened, and in this record are revealed all the secret thoughts and hidden acts of every person—all the things that have long been forgotten or that no one else ever noticed. The blasts of the Shofar (ram's horn) are sounded, and it is proclaimed: "Behold the Day of Judgment!" Every mortal passes before the Almighty, as sheep before a shepherd, and God decrees the life and destiny of every creature. But, concludes tradition, by sincere repentance, by deeply felt prayer, and by acts of loving kindness man can change the course of his life and modify the harshness of his fate.

On this day services are held in the evening at the synagogue. Parents and children attend. There is song and prayer. People pray for forgiveness and a year of peace and happiness for themselves and for the entire world. During the service a portion is read from the Sefer Torah, the Scroll of the Law. Male members of the synagogue are called to the reading desk to take part in the reading. This is a great honor. The portion read tells the story of Abraham and Isaac. It recalls the sacrifice Abraham was willing to make of Isaac in order to demonstrate his faith in his God. However, if you were to ask a young Jewish lad what he thought was the most important part of the ceremony, he would certainly reply, "The blowing of the Shofar." The Shofar has a loud and piercing sound. It is supposed to remind the congregation of the need for doing good and for living an honorable and God-fearing life. It calls upon the worshipers to repent.

Yom Kippur is a holy day of no labor and a day of fasting, according to Leviticus 16:29-31 and 23:26-32. Many Jewish people spend the entire day in prayer and worship. Yom Kippur is, above all, a day on which Jews seek forgiveness—not only from God, but also from man. Judaism teaches that one cannot ask God's forgiveness for wrongdoing unless he has also asked others to forgive him for any evil he may have done to them. Simply asking forgiveness is not enough. The wrong must be righted whenever that is possible. There must be a true feeling of repentance. Judaism teaches that it is then that God recognizes the worshiper has a sincere desire to undo

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his evil and to live his life better.

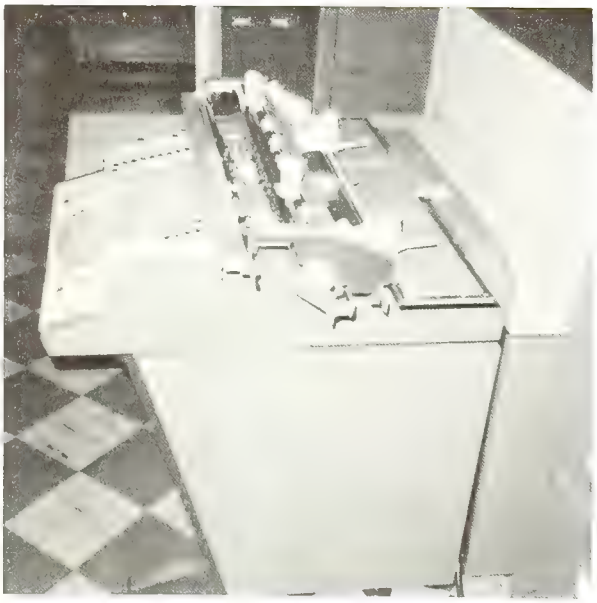
It is during the Yom Kippur service that the prayer Kol Nidre is given. It is not spoken, but sung to an awesome and inspiring melody. Kol Nidre means "all vows." This prayer asks God to forgive the congregation for breaking any religious vows made to Him which they might not be able to fulfill. Judaism teaches men if they try their best to fulfill their vows to God, but are prevented from doing so through no fault of their own, the Kol Nidre allows them to be at peace once more with their conscience and with God.

These practices are touching, and no doubt those who follow them can come to the point of feeling there is some eternal value in doing them. However, God's Word sets aside such practices as useless. The Book of Leviticus starts with a series of sacrifices which cannot be ignored. Animals had to be killed before sin could be covered; repentance, prayer, and charity were not enough. Leviticus 17:11 states: "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." When a sacrifice was offered, the sentence of the Law was placed on the substitute instead of the offender.

The sacrifices pointed forward to a coming Great Sacrifice, "for it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Heb. 10:4). Isaiah, speaking of this sacrifice, said, "It pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he [God] shall see his seed [life in you]" (Isa. 53:10). Messiah Jesus assured us, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

This is what we of the Brethren Messianic Testimony attempt to show to the Jewish people of Fairfax through life and word. Tradition may teach many beautiful practices, but when one leaves the synagogue on the evening of Yom Kippur and sees the first star of the evening, he still has no real assurance his sins have been forgiven; his is still doubtful of his relationship with the Eternal. Pray that God will dispel the blindness of the Jewish people, that they might say with Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Pray they might see the truth in their Messiah Jesus. ▼

The NCR 395 Is Here



That's great, but what is the NCR 395? NCR 395 is an electronic data processing system designed to streamline the efficiency of the Brethren Investment Foundation.

Why does the B.I.F. need such a machine? Because the foundation is growing! Its investments now total over seven million dollars. As it grows, it's important that the investment foundation does all it can to keep up with the growing needs of its investors. NCR 395 will help the foundation do this.

B.I.F. people are extremely thankful for this growth. To them, it's continued evidence of God's blessing on their ministry, a ministry that enables concerned Christians to receive good dividends on their money while having it reinvested in needy Brethren causes.

Maybe someday you'll learn to appreciate NCR 395 as much as the foundation does. After all, it's one of the best friends your B.I.F. account will ever have.

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Why Does Our Church Need an Architect?

By [illegible], [illegible] Professional Engineer

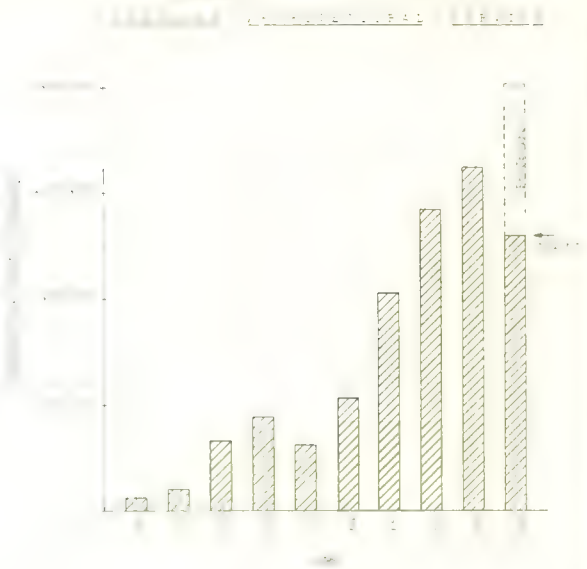
Churches faced with rising building costs and limited budgets sometimes think that the solution to their dilemma lies in eliminating architectural services and saving the cost of the architect's fee. This is a very great mistake. The construction of a building is the largest single expenditure made by a church, and expert advice from an architect familiar with every aspect of design and construction is not only desirable but a necessity. In almost every state the law requires that an architect both plan and supervise the construction of a building to protect the safety and welfare of the public. Architectural services actually save the church money by avoiding costly mistakes and poorly planned buildings.

The church's program will take the form of its building facilities. If adequate and properly arranged space is not provided for each aspect of the church's activities, the church's program in these areas cannot develop and expand. Although it is possible to overcrowd facilities for a brief period, before very long attendances will decrease until people can be comfortably accommodated, whether it be for the worship service, Sunday school, or any other function of the church.

The Brethren Architectural Service



The sign in front of the Brethren Architectural Building.



is geared to assist churches in planning buildings which will provide the best arrangement of space for money expended. The goal is to build facilities that provide maximum potential for soul-winning, Bible teaching, Christian training and potential for growth. In order to accomplish this goal the more familiar an architect is with a church's projected program the better able he is to plan a building to meet these needs. It is in this area that Brethren architects completely familiar with our churches' program have a distinct advantage.

God has abundantly blessed this ministry. As shown on the accompanying graph, this phase of our home-mission program has grown rapidly for eight years from an annual construction volume of about $250,000 to over $2,000,000 at the present time. Serving five churches the first year, we assisted thirty-one churches and schools in some way during the past year.

Brethren Architectural Service is anxious to provide professional services on a fee basis to any Brethren church which desires to use its services for the study of their needs, preliminary planning, working drawings and specifications, as well as construction supervision. It is our desire to help the local church in any way possible to acquire the very finest facilities possible for an effective ministry at a minimum cost within the limits of the local church's budget.

The increased volume of work has necessitated both a larger staff and larger facilities. Rev. Ralph C. Hall, a professional engineer, directs the work, assisted part time by Mr. W. James McCleary, a registered architect and consultant. Three other engineers and draftsmen—Warren Zellner, Don Hinks, and Larry Wentz—as well as Mrs. Kenneth Herman as office secretary presently serve in this department. In addition, Mr. McCleary maintains some private practice and employs two other Brethren men, Eugene Oliver and Ed Scofield, to assist him. Every member of this staff is a fine, dedicated Christian with a sincere desire to serve the Lord in this area of service.

New larger facilities have been acquired in a remodeled house at 1401 Kings Highway which provide the needed space for efficient operation. ▼

Below: The Brethren Architectural Staff, from left to right: Ralph Hall, Jim McCleary, Larry Wentz, Warren Zellner, Gene Oliver, Don Hinks, Ed Scofield, Mrs. Herman.

Opposite page: Ralph Hall and Pastor Charles Ashman look over plans for the new Winona Lake Brethren Church.





Home Mission News-Gram

ARVADA, COLO. (Robert Firl, pastor). In one and one-half years our weekly offerings have doubled. The missions goal of $2,800 is double last year's, and we are over halfway toward this goal. We are also praising the Lord for the fact that our membership has doubled in number.

WEST COVINA, CALIF. (Arthur Malles, pastor). We have seen over 25 public decisions within the past 12 months. In the past four months 14 people have been baptized and 15 received into the membership of the church.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. (Dale C. Hostetler, pastor). Since April 1 we have seen seven first-time confessions of Christ as Saviour. Our VBS brought decisions for salvation from ten young people, and we will soon have our first baptismal service.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. (Charles Martin, pastor). Since the Home Missions Workshop in February, there have been only three Sundays that we have not seen decisions made for Christ. Thus far in 1968 we have seen 60 salvation decisions, many of whom are teens and children from unsaved homes.

ORANGE, CALIF. (L. L. Grubb, pastor). Our membership now stands at 39. On July 29 we had 57 people present for the morning worship service, and on August 4 there were 53. A total of 5,475 pieces of literature were distributed in our area recently, and we received two new families as a result.

JACKSON, MICH. (Gilbert Hawkins, pastor). We have seen 25 first-time decisions thus far in 1968. In June we had our best VBS with 89 children registered. Our giving has been increasing, and we are ready to go with a building program to meet our growing needs.

MINERVA, OHIO. (Dennis Beach, pastor). Property has been purchased and is nearly half paid for. Plans were approved by Brethren Home Missions for a building program, and we are planning to get it started this fall. The Brethren Construction Crew has been approved for us when they finish at Lexington, Ohio.

LEXINGTON, OHIO. (Terrance Taylor, pastor). "We had a new record attendance of 177 in morning worship service on September 8. On the same day a man for whom we have been praying for two years accepted Christ as his Saviour. The building program is making excellent progress and we're praying for continued use of our temporary quarters until that day when we can occupy the new church."

GREENSBURG, PA. (Special). The East District Fellowship has been holding a Bible class at Greensburg, and at the recent annual board meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council this Bible class was accepted as a home-mission work with continued help from the district. The group shown here includes Rev. Ralph Burns and Rev. Donald Rough, two of the district pastors who have been helping to develop this new church.



The Greensburg, Pa. group.

New Home Mission Point in Nor-Cal

Amid the groves and orchards of lovely San Joaquin valley of northern California is the town of Ripon. In this progressive community with a population of 8,000 people there is a group of Brethren who have been persistent in their efforts to establish a testimony for Christ and The Brethren Church. Beginning with just a few local families who attended the La Loma Brethren church of Modesto, they now have grown to number more than forty in regular attendance.

While meeting in the American Legion Hall they have been able to make a positive impact in the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Under the able leadership and Bible teaching of Mr. Richard Skiles, an outstanding Christian layman, this group has now taken a new step of faith in organizing a Brethren church. In a recent congregational meeting they decided to call the Rev. Howard Mayes, of Norwalk, California, as their first full-time pastor.

Mr. Mayes expects to be on the field at an early date, and in cooperation with the Brethren Home Missions Council and the Nor-Cal District Mission Board a new Brethren church will be added to the growing number of churches in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Some consideration has already been given to the matter of acquiring a permanent location for the future development of this new home-mission church, and an air of excitement prevails among the present congregation in its plans for the future. ▼



Rev. and Mrs. Howard Mayes

Below is pictured the American Legion Hall which serves as the temporary meeting place.



The Ripon, Calif. group.



Church News

COLUMBUS, OHIO. Ed Jackson, president of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, announced that Sunday, Nov. 3, has been designated as Grace Brethren Laymen's Sunday. Emphasis will be placed on the promotion of men's and boys' work and the laymen's Grace College Scholarship Fund. The Oct. 5 *Brethren Missionary Herald* will contain additional information.

WINONA LAKE, IND. A motion was passed by the National Conference that the Committee on Committees appoint a National Conference Hospitality Committee and that the names of its members be presented to the conference secretary to be published in the *Brethren Missionary Herald.* The following names were submitted: Dr. and Mrs. E. William Male, Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Byers and Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Snyder.



GRASS VALLEY, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church recently honored three couples who commemorated their 50th wedding anniversary. From left to right in the picture are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Card, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gage, and Mr. and Mrs. George Mellott. On three separate occasions they were hosted by their children and showered with gifts by relatives and friends. Some of the guests had also attended the first reception 50 years ago. The Grace Brethren Church began about four years ago in the Fred Card home, and then moved to the Alta Oaks fire station auxiliary hall until last year, when the present church building was purchased. Arthur Pekarek, pastor.

BLOOMFIELD, N. MEX. Brethren people living in the Bloomfield area who are interested in meeting with other Brethren and in the possibility of establishing a Brethren church there should contact Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mauzy, Box 758, Bloomfield, N. Mex. 87413. The Mauzy's are in business in Bloomfield.

CHANGES. All mail to the Grace Brethren Church of Sellersburg, Ind., should now be sent to Grace Brethren Community Church, R. R. 2, Borden, Ind. 47106. Chaplain and Mrs. John Talley, Jr., 99B Bastogne Rd., Fort Lee, Va. 23801. Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Malaimare, 69 Reata Ave., Ventura, Calif. 93003. Rev. and Mrs. Carl Sundin, 45524 N. 11th St., W., Lancaster, Calif. 93534. Rev. George S. Ritchey is the new pastor of the First Brethren Church, Camden, Ohio. Mail may be sent to him at 189 N. 2nd St., Camden, Ohio 45311. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wm. Markley, 1099 Irene Rd., Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124. Rev. and Mrs. Knute Larson, 1020 Hoover Dr., Ashland, Ohio 44805. The name of the street on which the La Habra Brethren Church, La Habra, Calif., is located has been changed. Mail should be addressed to 1540 W. La Habra Ave., La Habra, Calif. 90631. Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Young, 5519 W. 43rd St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46254. Please change your *Annual.*

RICHMOND, VA. Brian David was born into the family of Rev. and Mrs. William Gardner, of the Grace Brethren Church, on Aug. 8. He weighed seven pounds ten ounces.

ASHLAND, OHIO. Rev. Knute Larson, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, announces the addition of Elise Suzanne to the family. The 6-pound 13-ounce daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larson on Aug. 6.

NOTICE: The Brethren Missionary Herald Company has back issues of Brethren adult quarterlies for sale—both teacher's and student's books. These quarterlies cover practically all books of the Bible, as well as some topical studies. Churches interested in using them for elective Sunday school classes or prayer meeting studies are invited to write for information. (These quarterlies also make excellent commentaries. Pastors, teachers and others may wish to obtain them and supplement their source material.) Address your request to the Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

SOUTH BEND, IND. Rev. Sherwood Durkee, pastor of the Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, has resigned and accepted the position of promotional coordinator with the Brethren Home Missions Council, Winona Lake, Ind. He will begin his new duties in the near future.

DAYTON, OHIO. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Vander Molen observed their 45th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sunday afternoon, July 21. Jesse B. Deloe, Jr., pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Dr. James Boyer, professor of Greek and New Testament at Grace Theological Seminary, spoke at the First Brethren Church on Sunday, Aug. 18. His subject in the morning service was "Did God Fight for Israel?" and in the evening he spoke on "The United States in Bible Prophecy." M. Lee Myers, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Beaver City, Nebr.	Oct. 6-10	Donald Leaman	Scott Weaver
Elizabethtown, Pa.	Oct. 13-20	Warren E. Tamkin	Bill Smith
Portis, Kans.	Oct. 13-20	Clarence H. Lackey	Scott Weaver
Listie, Pa.	October 7-13	No pastor	Mason Cooper
Martinsburg, W. Va.	October 14-20	Robert Dell	Mason Cooper



MABTON, WASH. On June 16, ground-breaking services were held at the building site of the Grace Brethren Church, with approximately 75 in attendance. Rev. Leo Polman was the speaker, and he with his wife provided special music. Mr. Lester Keyser is the builder and lives in a mobile home on the building site. One worker will be employed full time to help Mr. Keyser, and volunteer labor will complete the work force. Completion is expected to be around Jan. 1, 1969. The Mabton group formerly attended church in Grandview and started the new work in Mabton. Howard Snively, pastor.

FORT DEVONS, MASS. Chaplain James M. Hutchens, author of the recently-published book *Beyond Combat* was promoted from the rank of captain to major in the United States Army on July 9, 1968.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Sherlene Wilt and Larry Chamberlain, June 1, Harrisburg, Pa.

Nancy Rively and Gary Knavel, June 8, Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Wendy Gallaher and Douglas Quine, June 15, Community Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Barbara Ripke and James Scheele, July 13, Grace Brethren Church, Defiance, Ohio.

Betty Jean Rogers and Linden Eugene Lewis, Aug. 4, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Rachel Elizabeth Tressler and David Ray Sayre, Aug. 24, Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio.

Nancy Smith and Judd Swihart, Aug. 24, Grace Brethren Church, Rohrerstown, Pa.

Sharon Burns and Gregory Daniels, June 15, Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, Temple Hills, Md.

Nancy Saucerman and Edward Perdew, Aug. 24, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Carrell Lynn Myers and Terry Lee Nixon, Aug. 24, First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Rebecca Boroff and Michael Majors, Aug. 30, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Janis Parker and Richard Jensen, Aug. 31, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

In Memoriam

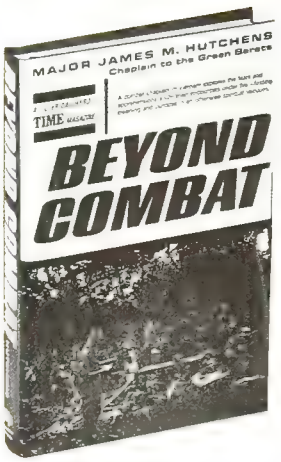
Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

DRUSHAL, Ronald J., 61, a member of the Ankenytown (Ohio) Grace Brethren Church for many years, passed away Aug. 15 after an extended illness. Larry K. Gegner, pastor.

FISHER, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B., long-time members of the Harrah (Wash.) Brethren Church, were killed in an automobile accident near Harrah on Aug. 17. Charles H. Winter, pastor.

A New Book by Brethren Chaplain James Hutchens

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A Denomination on the Move

(Statistical Review Committee)

We preface our report by giving gratitude to God for blessed memories of the faithful life and service to our Lord of the selected chairman of our committee, Brother Earle Cole, who this past year was ushered into the immediate presence of Christ. We thank the Lord for our departed brother's faithful service in the realm of statistics in our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

As we review the statistics of the year that has passed, we are very cognizant of the fact that we are speaking of *people* . . . *people* in The Brethren Church . . . *people* and their eternal destinies and service to Jesus Christ, *people* and their faithfulness in attending the fellowship we hold dear; and *people* in their dedication of their finances to our Lord.

As we scan the statistical report for 1967, we are grateful to our Lord for the growing number of churches in our fellowship . . . a total of 220 in 1967. Six new ones have been added to our fellowship at this conference, making a total of 226. A new milestone was reached in membership also, and we praise God for the fact that we have gone over the 30,000 mark with a total of 30,650 persons in our fellowship. Sunday school enrollment and attendance also reached new highs; the increases in these areas were more than double the increases for 1966, and the increase in church membership was almost double the amount for 1966.

We note that total additions to the NFBC totaled 2,855 last year, and we believe this figure is significant. Losses totaled 1,854 during the year, but the net membership gain of 1,087 is almost three times the 1966 gain of 356. Our statistician reported that the number of trine immersed members should actually be 29,811, after checking with a number of churches who did not report on this particular item.

An increase of $50,000 in offerings for others was noted in the past year, and of course the report reflects only the funds channeled through the local church. We believe that we are a "building church," as the report reflects an increase of $1,700,000 in two years in expenditures for new buildings and improvements. Pastors' salaries, however, during the same two-year period reflect little increase, and we urge our constituency to examine their pastor's salary arrangement, particularly in this period of time when the cost of living is rising so rapidly. The amount expended for youth camps increased considerably last year, indicating a good interest in this area. Total church expenditures increased from $5,456,550 in 1965 to $7,565,482, an increase of over $2,000,000, and we believe this is reason to praise God. Total valuation of properties rose from $15,000,000 to over $20,000,000, a very wonderful increase, and our assets now amount to more than $26,000,000.

We rejoice in the increase in attendance at the morning and evening worship services, but are concerned in the drop in prayer meeting attendance. We encourage our pastors to promote this all-important service, and urge our people to attend this "hour of power." The 1967 report also reflects decreased activity on the part of many of our auxiliary organizations, although VBS attendance was up slightly over 1966.

Our per capita giving reflects significant increases in the past four years, and our people are to be commended for their faithful stewardship.

In concluding, may we in the months before us have a concern for every-member evangelism that will multiply our conversion, baptism, and membership increases, that will bring thrilling new peaks in attendance records, and that propels renewed spiritual vigor in every area of stewardship and missionary endeavors. ▼

Race is Considered

(Committee on Race Relations)

This committee first wishes to commend the editorial staff of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company for their interest in the race relations situation and for their assistance to this committee. We urge the Brethren Missionary Herald Company to continue to be the media of information to our Fellowship. As long as race tension is existent in the United States, we suggest that the Brethren Missionary Herald Company keep our constituency abreast of developments in the field of racial issues nationally and also to present such information that becomes available on current attitudes and changing philosophy both inside and outside our communities.

Second, this committee wishes to state that on the basis of the returns from a questionnaire distributed to the ministers of The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, it is overwhelmingly indicated by said ministers that they wish to be informed of the conditions involved in the race relations situation in our country and to actively work toward reaching the Negro community with the message of God's grace!

These men also indicated on the aforementioned questionnaire that all of them are aware of the social revolution in America, of which the Negro plays the major part. All desire a godly means of finding a solution to this problem. The committee feels such attitudes indicate a healthy outlook.

We therefore urge our ministers and laymen to commit themselves (a) to oppose the negative attitudes which are being expressed by some of the more prominent conservative groups; (b) to deplore and resist the *insincere* fraternizing with the Negro as is practiced by the ecumenical process in their social attitude; (c) to accept the Negro as an equal and treat him as a man with equal worth with all other men; (d) to respond promptly and fully to requests made by the Committee on Race Relations for information which might be of use in arriving at a positive means to attack the problem involved in race relations; (e) for prayerful cooperation of all our churches and people toward communities which face a race relation problem, such as Hacienda Heights and Inglewood, California, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, et. al.; (f) and finally, to reaffirm the statement of the Committee on Race Relations as adopted by the conference of The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, August 14-22, 1965, to wit:

(Realizing that Christ died for all men and has broken down the wall of partition dividing men thereby transcending all racial and cultural lines and unites in one body all who are children of God by faith in Jesus Christ,) (to) reaffirm that membership in the church of Jesus Christ is based on faith, not race, upon personal relationship to Christ, not color, and that all who are in Christ may participate fully in the worship and witness of the church at home and abroad without regard to race or ethnic origin.

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Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the coming quarterly business meeting in most home-mission churches, at which the 1969 officers will be elected.

PRAY for the goal of five self-supporting churches in 1968. We still have two to go.

PRAY for Brethren Home Missions as we plan entering three new states with a Brethren church within the next year.

PRAY for a number of property situations in Brethren Home Missions; in some instances we have property to sell, and in others we need to purchase property.

PRAY for an adequate offering to meet a budget need of $350,000 in 1969.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the enthusiasm shown at national conference as the new brochure presenting the men's work was shown.

PRAY for the new officers who will be directing the laymen's activities during the coming year.

PRAY that more men's groups will see the need of sponsoring a Brigade work in their church.

SMM

PRAY for the national SMM officers for 1968-69: Pam Edenfield, Sharon Magill, Jane Hoover, Joyce Ashman, Nancy Hall, and Mrs. Gerald Polman.

PRAY for Mrs. Robert Boze, national patroness, that God will give her strength and wisdom as she leads SMM this year.

PRAY for our new program chairman, Marilyn Vnasdale, as she works with the Program Committee in planning future programs and themes.

PRAY for our editor, Donna Hawbaker, as she plans the SMM pages for the *Herald* this coming year.

WMC

PRAY for the WMC officers and committees in their respective duties for this year of 1968-69.

PRAY for the editors of WMC: national editor Mrs. Rucker and those of the districts.

PRAY for the writer of our 1969-70 devotional studies, Mrs. John Mayes.

PRAISE the Lord for those willing to consecrate themselves anew in WMC.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY that as Sunday schools are now entered into a new Sunday-school year, there may be real effort from every officer and teacher for a great year.

PRAY that as the Enlargement Campaign is now in progress, we may see every school reaching new goals.

PRAY for the launching of the Brethren Student Life Volunteer program in every church.

PRAY for the young people who will be considering service in our TIME (Training In Missionary Endeavor) program during the coming year.

PRAY for the young people who made decisions during our recent youth conference at Winona Lake, Indiana.

GRACE SCHOOLS

PRAY for the seminary students as they prepare for and take midsemester examinations beginning October 28.

PRAY that all the students on the campus may continue to adjust well and that disciplinary problems may be kept to a minimum.

PRAY that the administrative officers may be given special wisdom and direction as they look ahead to additional expansion of campus facilities.

PRAISE God for the progress of the new library building, and pray that it may be completed as scheduled.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

PRAISE the Lord for the attendance of four of our twelve Brethren chaplains at national conference and for the strong challenges which they presented.

PRAY for a strong testimony on the part of our men in the service.

PRAY for Chaplain Orville Lorenz in the diversified program on the island of Okinawa.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE God for the literature ministries being conducted by varying methods on the fields; pray that there may be an ever-greater outreach for the Gospel through this means.

PRAY that the Robert Juday family may soon be on the field in Africa, where he is to teach missionary children.

PRAY for the national Christians who are in various stages of training for leadership in the church in their lands; pray that they may not be distracted but may continue on until they are well equipped for their service.

PRAY that God may use the Missionary Helpers Club in training a missions-conscious younger generation.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the books being produced by BMH Books, and pray for a spiritual impact from them.

PRAY for an increasing ministry for the Adult Brethren Quarterlies, written by Brethren men.

PRAY for the blessing of the Lord for the Free Literature Fund; praise the Lord for mail responses to BMH imprinted tracts.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for the souls saved during the crusade meetings this past summer in Brazil.

PRAY that those who came to know Christ during the meetings in Brazil will continue on for the Lord and become a part of our church there.

PRAY that God will lead us in the scheduling of crusade meetings.

PRAY for Evangelist Scott Weaver as he has a heavy schedule of meetings this fall.

Dear Teacher . . .

March 1, 1968

Dear Teacher,

I don't know how many letters you've received from your former students; I imagine there have been a few—with many more left unwritten.

I meant to write to you years ago after reading "Mr. Chips," and now I am finally taking time to say "thanks." The years go by so quickly.

There are teachers one soon forgets, and a few one remembers always. Your influence on your students from Brethren High School days has truly been a lasting one. It is hard to express in words our great respect and love for you, but I feel I should try. Mr. Flory, we thought you were a very special teacher—one of a kind!

Do you remember the day in "U.S. Government" when all the class mimicked your every gesture after you hurried in (late) and sat down at your desk? It didn't take long for you to realize what we were up to and to lead us through exhausting calisthentics (quite undignified) and eventually out the door to the student body store for ice cream. Most of us expected *any* history class to be dull. What a surprise to discover we were looking forward to that class each day. Your classes were always enjoyable learning experiences with practical, interesting discussions concerning anything. (Still a novelty in those days.) Each day you fed our minds and helped us to mature spiritually as we were struggling (painfully at times) toward adulthood. How we must have tried your patience, yet never did I see evidence of impatience! Even then that seemed a small miracle. Was it the prayer before each class that kept you calm? I know you liked teaching and that must have helped, too.

I wasn't your most brilliant student, but I felt like a valued one! You managed to have time for each one of us. Thank you for that!

Perhaps it was because we knew you loved us and respected us that we listened to your advice and applied it to our lives. Love begets love. We knew we were "your kids." What a large family of us with whom you had to deal as school principal, teacher, advisor, and so on. (You must have known we referred to you often as "Uncle Al," when no adults were present to call us "disrespectful".) And many of us tried to copy your beautiful signature; remember? I did pretty well at that. You didn't suspect how pleased I was when one busy semester you asked me to make out your report cards for you. (Just the students' name and the name of the class, not your signature!) I remember one student who could imitate your walk, your voice, and could sign your name well enough to fool anyone! (That could have caused problems at report card time, but he was only trying to be like you.) His admiration began in elementary school. If you've seen him in the last few years, I'm sure you had a feeling of pride. He's a fine husband and father, married to a lovely girl from BHS. From time to time I see the "old gang" scattered here and there in Brethren churches. They have Christ-centered homes, and many are sending their children to Christian schools. We usually talk about Brethren and about you. Our children have heard some stories, too many to recall in this letter. Their amazed comment is often, "Teachers aren't like that!"

The young people of today need you even more than we did then. They need your good humor, your patience, and your Christian understanding. We're sorry you are no longer teaching. My prayer is that there might be more teachers dedicated to Him, as you were those many years.

You are not rich as you might have been, for we've always known you could have been a much higher-paid educator, or a politician, or just about anything other than an underpaid teacher. Mr. Flory, you *are* wealthy! "Your kids" love you. Though we're only able to see you every few years, we'll always remember and be thankful for those wonderful years at Brethren High School.

One of your former students

Editor's note: It is encouraging to know that there are people who appreciate a good teacher. The above letter was written by a former student of Professor Albert Flory, her professor at Brethren High School in Paramount, California. It is a joy to print her letter with the hope that it will encourage other Christian teachers.

IN THE REFRIGERATOR

By Vivian McClellan

Editor's note: Chaplain John D. Talley spoke in the Bible hour on Friday of national conference. With the challenge of the message in mind, Mrs. Vivian McClellan wrote this article.

"Come," said Mr. Orthodox, "I want to show you my new refrigerator. It is just loaded with all the finest food that money can buy."

"Fine," said Mr. Concern, "I would like to see it."

"Here is the milk compartment. It holds twelve quarts of certified, Grade A, pasteurized, homogenized, enriched milk. Isn't that a wonderful supply?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Concern, glancing in the next room. "And the baby is crying. Perhaps you should give him some."

"Oh, no," said Mr. Orthodox, "that is not important. Here, let me show you the vegetable compartment. Isn't it roomy? Here are the yellow vegetables. Over here are the green vegetables. This unit is designed to keep them fresh and crisp and to retain all the vitamins."

"That is fine," intoned Mr. Concern. "Your children look rather pale. I think they should have some of those vegetables."

"Perhaps," conceded Mr. Orthodox, "but I'm not really the type for that sort of thing. Look, did you see this freezer compartment? It is packed full of wonderful meat. I have it all organized and catalogued. Steaks over here; chops in this corner, and roasts in the middle, arranged according to comparative value and weight. This freezer keeps them all at below zero temperatures to protect the rich flavor, bright color, true aroma and the food value. It will keep them almost indefinitely. Oh, I am proud of this food store. I believe that it is unmatched by any of my neighbors."

"But the children!" cried Mr. Concern. "What of the children? They are crying for food. Aren't you going to do anything about it?"

Mr. Orthodox smiled benignly. "Never mind the children," he explained. "My task is to protect and organize and preserve the food. Don't you think I am doing an outstanding job?"

Chaplain John Talley said, "The church must be more than a refrigerator to preserve gospel truth."

Jesus Christ said, "Give ye them to eat," and again, "Feed my lambs."

Let's get the truth out of the refrigerator and take it to a spiritually starving world!

Through the foresight and zeal of certain publishers within the last few years many of the great religious classics of the past have been revived and made available to the Christian public in attractive editions.

These have been mostly of two kinds: the works of the Puritan divines, and those of the mystic theologians and devotional writers from St. Augustine to John Woolman.

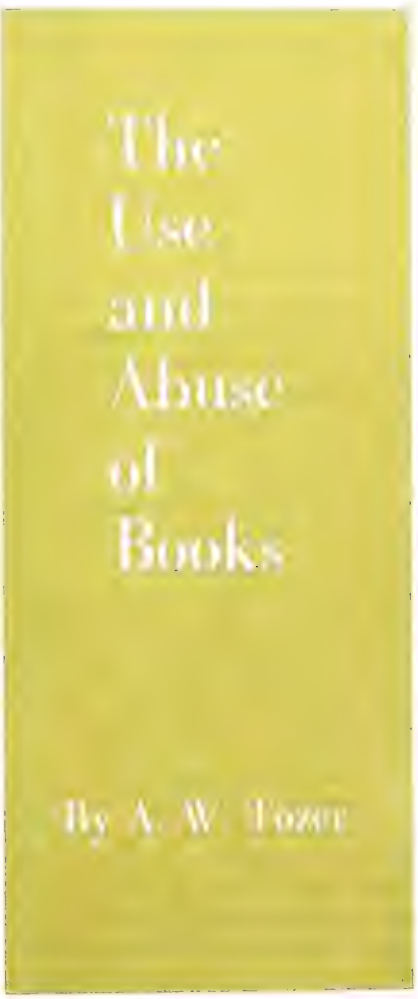
The great Puritan writers and those closely related to them in doctrine and spirit were the spiritual forebears of our present day Fundamentalists, though candor requires that we note that, for reasons that need not be enumerated here, the noble fathers were not able to beget sons equal to themselves.

The devotional works that have appeared have been so varied as to make classification difficult. Some of the great names are Meister Eckhart, Bernard of Clairvaux, Jan van Ruysbroeck, Michael Molinos, John of the Cross, Thomas Traherne, Richard Rolle, William Law, Walter Hilton, Francis de Sales, Jakob Boehme and Gerhart Tersteegen. To these might be added the more familiar names of Fenelon, Guyon and Thomas a Kempis.

To a large extent these were universal Christians who experienced the grace of God so deeply and so broadly that they encompassed the spiritual possibilities of all men and were able to set forth their religious experiences in language acceptable to Christians of various ages and varying doctrinal viewpoints. Just as a sincere hymn may strike a worshipful chord common to all Christians, so these works of devotion instantly commend themselves to true seekers everywhere. There need only be genuine faith in Christ, complete separation from the world, an eager cleaving unto God and a willingness to die to self and carry the cross, and the Holy Spirit will introduce His people to each other across the centuries and teach them the meaning of spiritual unity and the communion of saints.

What disturbs me is the sharp disparity between theory and fact in the reception given these great spiritual classics by the rank and file of evangelicals. Theoretically the people of God should run to these books as a thirsting stag runs to bury his muzzle in the cooling stream; actually only a relatively few welcome them. Most Christians find them dull, and even though they may buy them, they seldom look into them, and wonder how they got their reputation as religious masterworks.

Why is this? Why do the majority of present-day Christians prefer shallow religious fiction? Or uninspired Bible talks that never get beyond the "first principles"? Or one-page daily devotions? Or watered-down Christian biography? I think the reasons are two:



First, present-day evangelical Christianity is not producing saints. The whole concept of religious experience has shifted from the transcendental to the utilitarian. God is valued as being useful and Christ appreciated because of the predicaments He gets us out of. He can deliver us from the consequences of our past, relax our nerves, give us peace of mind and make our business a success. The all-consuming love that burns in the writings of an Augustine, a Bernard or a Rolle is foreign to the modern religious spirit. Like understands like and fails to comprehend what is unlike itself. The tortoise finds the mockingbird dull. Esau has no fellowship with Jacob. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14).

To come to our devotions straight from carnal or worldly interests is to make it impossible to relish the deep, sweet thoughts found in the great books we are discussing here. We must know their heart-language, must vibrate in harmony with them, must share their inward experiences or they will mean nothing to us. Because we are too often strangers to their spiritual mood, we are unable to profit by them and are forced to turn to one or another form of religious entertainment to make our Christianity palatable enough to endure.

Secondly, people are unable to appreciate the great spiritual classics because they are trying to understand them while having no intention to obey them. The Greek Church father, St. Gregory, said it better than I could, so we'll let him tell us: "He who seeks to understand commandments without fulfilling commandments, and to acquire such understanding through learning and reading, is like a man who takes shadows for truth. For the understanding of truth is given to those who have become participants in truth (who have tasted it through living). Those who are not participants in truth and are not initiated therein, when they seek this understanding, draw from it a distorted wisdom. Of such the apostle says, 'The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit,' even though they boast of their knowledge of truth."

In conclusion, we use books profitably when we see them as a means toward an end; we abase them when we think of them as ends in themselves. And for all books of every sort let us observe Bacon's famous rule: "Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." ▼

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Financial Base Hurts Grace Chances for Accreditation

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President

Grace Theological Seminary and College

An official communication from the regional office of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as of August 1 evaluates the progress of Grace College in its effort to achieve full accreditation. For some years Grace College has been seeking candidate status which is the first step. Once candidate status is reached, it is expected that in three years or less the school will be able to advance to the point of full accreditation.

For almost ten years, Grace College has been doing its best to remove weaknesses and upgrade its strength in order to reach this goal. There is no doubt that the school has gone a long way toward the achievement of its purpose. Perhaps the most significant thing now in progress is the new library now under construction. This will not only provide a place where new books can actually be added to the library, but it will also provide a place where students can get at the books and avail themselves of this storehouse of knowledge. Many other areas have also been improved and are being improved.

Two years ago application was made for candidate status. A status study was prepared and sent to the central office in Chicago. After review, the Commission on Colleges accepted it, but advised that we wait another year before requesting a diagnostic team. Again this year another application was made with similar response.

To use the words appearing in the official communication, I quote: "The board expressed concern regarding the continuing need to strengthen the financial base of the college and the need to improve conditions of faculty service, particularly in the areas of instructional loads and salaries. Further concern centered on the inadequacy of the library at the present time."

One overall weakness is stated in the opening clause, and then three weaknesses that grow out of it follow. Our problem is money. We do not have enough to carry on a college as North Central authorities think it should be conducted, if it is to operate on a high academic level, and if this level is to continue through the years ahead. This is their way of saying that Grace College does not have enough substantial sources of income to provide sufficient income to do an acceptable piece of work.

Actually, Grace has just two sources of income for current operations: gifts from Brethren people and tuition and fees from students. For all practical purposes we have no endowment, no substantial donors, no help from the local community, no grants from foundations, no help from the government. So far as we are able to see, there is no possibility that this will change substantially. In some cases we would not want this situation to change, lest we lose our freedom and the right to carry on the type of school we feel will glorify the Lord.

The pressure to retain or to acquire regional accreditation has led some schools to overextend themselves in financial commitments. By so doing they have received the approval of regional accrediting associations, but often there was a price to pay. Either they had to sell out their freedom in the effort to secure sufficient funds for academic improvement, or else they have gone into deficit spending, hoping that the funds would come in, and are now facing the serious problem of continuing in operation.

Grace College could follow this pattern, too, but if it did, it would be obligated to count the cost. Since Grace College is a Christian school committed to performing a certain function for its constituency, it must be guided by a higher allegiance than a regional accrediting association. Grace College must continue to serve its Christian constituency. It must bear a Christian testimony by paying its debts. And it must retain its freedom to give forth pure, unadulterated Christian teaching.

Though our efforts to raise more funds have been more strenuous than ever before, and some acceleration in income has been realized, the increase percentagewise in relation to the inflating economy is nothing. But we still thank God that the amount that has come in has been sufficient to operate in the black.

In the final analysis, and in the ultimate sense, the church is our accrediting agency. Grace College serves the church. It is meeting the requirements of the church. It is satisfying the desires of the church. It is passing the evaluation of the church. This does not mean that the church would not like to see even greater strides, even regional accreditation, provided we can achieve this without suffering deterioration in Christian standing or drawbacks from financial stringency.

The school will continue to make every effort within its financial resources to acquire regional accreditation. The school will keep the need for more funds ever before the church. It is hoped that the rank and file who read this account will feel the responsibility for giving to this worthy cause. Let us not complain at the situation. Whatever has happened falls within the program of that One who works all things after the counsel of His own will. Since this is true, let us take courage and give further effort to achieve the best for the Lord Jesus Christ and His church. Let us never forget that we have a good school. We have a good faculty. The school has a good name. These factors have commended the school to students far and near so that we have a growing institution. ▼

Reflections of a Summer Tour

By Mary Catherine Flint

Following her graduation, Mary Flint, a 1968 Grace College graduate from Long Beach, California, spent ten weeks of the summer touring the eastern states and New England with the Grace Ambassadors, one of two student development teams representing Grace Schools this summer. Directed by Terry White, director of public relations for Grace Schools, the eastern team traveled 7,950 miles and sang in more than eighty churches during the ten weeks. Miss Flint, whose major was English, will be teaching at Brethren High School in Long Beach this fall. The following article includes some of her reflections on a summer tour:

Sailing from the pines over a steep daisied valley and swinging back into the shadows while clinging to a knot in a 30' braided rope . . . Riding without saddle through sunny woods, twisting the pony's mane around my fingers . . . Tasting a teaberry leaf and breathing deeply of the sun-filtered coolness . . .

Times of being peacefully alone on a summer tour are few. Usually there is a suitcase to cram shut, a toothbrush to retrieve, a hostess to thank, a deadline to meet, a program to present, and people to greet. There are people everywhere—talking, questioning, laughing.

Places, surprises, and people make a summer tour. A major activity of the summer development teams is, naturally, traveling from place to place. With more than eighty services over the 7,950 miles, one has the opportunity to learn the layout of every shopping center, the direction to every Dairy Queen and tennis court, and the location of every restroom mirror in every Brethren church in America. On the side, of course, one may also enjoy the beauty of Yellowstone Park, Mammoth Cave, and The Everglades, as well as the bustle of Philadelphia, Denver, and San Diego.

A tour is both pleasure and pain. Pleasure is the occasional time of being alone or a watermelon on a hot night. Or it's the flicker of a smile on the deadpan face in the third row of the audience. It is lying back on a foam rubber pillow with my curlers sinking in after fifty hard nights. It is keeping secret a stowaway land turtle for a week and a half without the fellows knowing. And it is the generous gift of a blue willow bowl for my hope chest.

Pain comes from a teammate's elbow when I fall asleep during the slide presentation. Pain is trying to laugh at the same old joke I've heard fifty-seven times before or wishing I had room for the big company meal set before me. It is also not having enough "won't power" at the Dairy Queen. It's having my pet turtle run away while I lose a tennis match. It's having the pastor say there's no mail from my boyfriend.

These, of course, are the fringe benefits from a summer team tour. The biggest attraction is the people. Closest are the Grace College students with whom I travel. Together we have devotions and pray for individuals we have met along the way. We teammates, as well as rejoicing over decisions and blessings, share goofs and disappointments. But fortunately, we share a sense of humor that smooths the rough spots in the routing of travel.

Besides teammates, there are the people in every church audience. These are the people that make touring worthwhile. They are the ones to reach with the gospel message in song. They are the people who desire information about Grace College and Seminary. In the churches are the sharp Brethren teenagers who want to share encouragements about living the Christian life. And, too, there are the shy little children handing us bulletins to autograph.

But the people in their homes are the people I like best. I meet them in their natural habitat. Learning a little about human nature discloses that people are basically alike whether they live in expensive homes or modest houses.

On the other hand, differences in personality are infinite. I have yet to meet the "average" Brethren church member. Some are happy in spirit wherever they are; some are seemingly never happy. Room decor, the pile of books by the bed, styles of hospitality and housekeeping tell much about the host or hostess for the night.



So when the tour ends, I lie in my own bed again. Once again I am peacefully alone to rethink the experience of a lifetime that the Lord has allowed me through a small Christian college. With the background of the variety of places and people I've seen and met, I pray that the Lord will have used this experience to equip me for more efficient use in His service. ▼

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Marriage Should Stay Beautiful

Excerpts from a message delivered at the 79th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, August 16, 1968.

By Dr. Malcolm Cronk

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The character of the living church is determined by the character of her head, the Lord Jesus Christ who is holy. His people are to be holy. This is both an Old Testament and New Testament emphasis. The holiness of God determines the character of His people. "Be ye holy for I am holy," saith the Lord.

Holiness, however, must have expression. It is not only a matter of heart, though it is that basically. Holiness of heart becomes manifest in the goal and aim of a person's life. Is there a goal, an aim, so big, so worthy, in the light of the character of God, that it will build His people in God's direction, that it will unite and integrate all other purposes among them so that they can be single-minded? Yes, there is such a goal, and the Scriptures give it to us in several places. One of them is in I Thessalonians 4:1 which reads, ". . . ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God," more literally, "so as to please God." This is the high and holy aim of the church of Jesus Christ in her individual membership, to walk "so as to please God." We certainly are not to walk to please ourselves.

Isn't it wonderful, those of you who know a happy, wholesome, love relationship with Christ, isn't it wonderful how you sense in your own heart when you are pleasing and when you are displeasing? Many, many times in my walk with my God, I experience those moments when I just know down deep in my soul that I'm not pleasing Him in the way I'm thinking, or the way I'm feeling, or the way I'm acting, or the way I'm talking. It's not pleasing to Him. The Spirit tells us, and right there we should renounce the thing that displeases God and renew our desire to please Him in all ways, at all times, and in all things.

Now having established that as a principle, the Apostle goes on to make an application of it in I Thessalonians 4:1-12 beginning with the husband-wife relationship, then the parent-child relationship and the employer-employee relationship, and then the governor-subject relationship. So it covers all the major areas of human personal relations. This is the proving ground in which truth is to be put to the test. It's Christianity in its working clothes. It is here that the world sees Christianity more than any place else. The world doesn't see Christianity in our cathedrals, and our churches, and our sermons and songs. The world sees Christianity in our homes, and in the way we raise our children, and in our work relationships at the office and the factory, and our attitude toward law and order and government. This is the gospel the world is reading. And what are we saying in that gospel?

Now the Apostle's first application of this desire to please God in everything is in the marriage relationship. This is God's answer to our so-called new morality that is plaguing us today. Our new morality is neither new nor moral. It is the product of a sick society. Our lens are blurred today. We have no focus on morality. We live in a mass of nothingness, a mass of relativity, where anything goes, expressed in many, many ways, but essentially it is what is known as "situation ethics."

Now here is a real pointed, double-edged cutting standard. It goes back to the oldest institution on earth; the establishment of the Christian home. When God made man, male and female, He had design in this. When God gave the commandment to Adam and Eve before they had fallen into sin to cohabit and multiply and replenish, He put His stamp of holy approval upon the whole institution that we have

come to call marriage. It is God's idea. It is holy in conception, holy in its design, and we know from the New Testament that God's secret purpose in the whole institution of marriage was that it should be a gospel tract of the relationship between Christ and His church. It was to be a wonderful sermon on the reality of the love of God for people and the responsive love of people for God, in the most tender, warm, meaningful, intimate relationship possible on earth.

Our modern society is no different from other sections of a decaying society in history. You read of the rise and fall of any of the civilizations of the past, and during their decline they became sick on the subject of sex. You can read it of the Babylonians, the Acretians, the Romans, and in the fall of the French Republic in more recent times. You certainly can read it in every place across the modern scene today. The sickness that has plagued us is the sickness that makes sex the big thing and the only thing in marriage.

We come now to one of the passages of Scripture in I Thessalonians 4:3-8. Can you possibly imagine that an all-holy God would actually want any of us, under any condition whatsoever, to violate the intent and the meaning of the marriage relationship? Would He want us to prostitute it on the altar of self-indulgence and gratification of desire? Nothing is more blasphemous, more dishonoring to God or denuding to man. It strips man and woman of their character, their stature, their status as people of God. It spoils the tract. It blots the gospel. It grieves the Holy Ghost.

But there is much more here than the actual marriage relationship. There is the preparation for marriage. There is the learning of what sex is all about that leads to the marriage relationship, and the thrust of the Apostle is that by the time a man and woman are ready for marriage, they should know how to enter into that relationship with whole meaning, with a full mature readiness for life commitment. This is not for kicks; it is much more than a sex relationship. It happens to include a sex relationship, but the Biblical concept is exceedingly drawn; it is love in its largest and broadest and highest and deepest dimensions. It is love in its outgoing unselfishness. It is love in its reflection of God's attitude toward man and what man's attitude should be toward God. It is love seeking what is best for the loved one. It is love working hard for the highest good. It is love committed. It is love sacred. It is love prided and beautiful. It is love personal and intimate. In this cradle of love, God has ordained that the human kind should be propogated. Thus, this becomes a basic working unit of society and the sanctity and the holiness of it is intended to permeate and build a strong, stable society.

We as ministers have been grossly derelict on this subject. And the only way I know to answer the error of the new morality is to preach the truth of Biblical morality. It takes more than a few prohibitions. You can go to kids today and say that you aren't supposed to have sex relations, and they'll just laugh you right out of court. Why? Because they are taught in school to have sex relations. You go over to the public education system of Sweden and Norway where they are taught sex way down in the junior high level and below that. In our own society more and more, it's coming out into the open. We are teaching them all the biological facts of sex, but who is teaching them the moral meanings of sex? Who is building a context for this beautiful, holy relationship? And if the church of Jesus Christ doesn't teach them, who will?

I get terribly excited about this. I came from a very happy home, and I have a happy home, and I covet for everybody else a happy home. But I have had to work with too many unhappy homes, even Christian homes, where husband and wife are not happy. They don't get divorced; they don't go to court, but they chew and they nag, and they resent, and they are bitter, and they are caustic, and they are disrespectful, and the father treats her like an old bag, and she says things to him that no woman should ever say to any man. Meanwhile, the children feel it, and the children are hurt by it, and the children are scarred by it, and their whole concept of marriage and life is distorted.

Now there are two things here that are completely forbidden from the Christian point of view. It goes right back to the Garden of Eden and creation; it is underlined at Sinai, and now here it is again. *Pre-marital relations are hurtful to marriage* in spite of what you have been told. It is being broadly taught at the university level that pre-marital relations are a necessary learning process to qualify one for a compatible marriage. The Bible says that this is not so, and biology comes right back and says that it is so. Now who's right? The answer is that when God made a woman, He made something most beautiful. God intends for her to be held in honor and respect and treated as such. If marriage were simply a sexual relationship, there would be some argument from biology that pre-marital relations would be helpful in learning how to be compatible. But marriage is much, much more than a sex relationship, and all that is needed to become compatible can well be learned and best learned after marriage. The Bible well knows this. So this is not a prohibition to keep from man that which would be good; this is a protection to preserve that which is right.

This passage goes on to say that extra-marital relationships are equally *hurtful.* Usually, those who have practiced pre-marital relationships will practice extra-marital relationships. And extra-marital relationships completely crucify, especially the woman in the marriage relationship. They reduce her to a place of simply being man's plaything. That's all she's good for. Woman after woman has had the stars of marriage, the beauty of romance, the sense of being appreciated, needed, and wanted for who she is, completely dashed at her feet. The only thing

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she's good for is to satisfy her husband's passions. That's all. His marriage was a ticket to sex relations. That's all. And I can think of nothing that degrades a woman and dishonors a man any more than that.

"Well," somebody says, "you don't believe in sex in marriage." Well, bless your dear, dear heart, I don't know of any marriage without it. God intended it, but God intended it to be beautiful. God intended it to say something. God intended that every time that a man and woman come together they are telling each other of their love for each other, of their commitment to each other, that they are willing to share the whole of life with each other. They are expecting each other; they are adoring each other; they are magnifying each other, and for all the money in the world they would not hurt each other. The act says volumes. There are acts in all kinds of human relationships that are representative acts. That is, they are acts in which everything the relationship means is symbolized, and that's what God intended in the sex relation.

Now do you wonder that the Apostle says these people in Thessalonica had come out of a very wicked culture where sex was as open as it is in our day? They lived in a city where there were many, many of these false religions in which there were sex orgies practiced openly at certain periods in the year. These people had lived in all kinds of immoral relationships, and by the gospel of the grace of God, they had experienced a forgiveness for it all. They had found a new meaning. Womanhood had been emancipated. Wherever Christianity has gone, it has emancipated womanhood. Wherever Christianity has gone, it has made for solid home life. Wherever Christianity has gone, it has protected children and given them the proper context into which to be born and brought up. And when we get away from the teachings of the Word of God, all these larger values in life begin to slip.

Little wonder we're losing our security in the American way of life. Our children are being brought into the world not wanted, and as early as possible they are shifted off to institutional groups to nurture and to rear and to train. Most Christian parents absolutely refuse to accept the responsibility of teaching sex in their own homes. The church has either got to do it or the school has got to do it. If the school does it, it teaches only the biological facts; it cannot teach the Biblical, moral context.

Where is it going to come through to these kids? Where is it going to come through in time to give them Christian concepts of life? The boy-girl interest develops very soon after puberty, and it is hastened by everything we adults throw at them. We are throwing at young people adult information, adult situations, adult ideas, and we are trying to make these children act adult before they are adult. God intended an ackward adolescent, when a kid has more arms and legs than he knows what to do with, when a boy's voice is changing and he doesn't know whether he's going to be a tenor, soprano, alto or bass, and he can laugh at it and enjoy it for a year or two. But no, today Mommy wants her little girl and her little boy to be grown up overnight. And we have to make grown women out of these girls when they are twleve and thirteen years of age, and the boys have got to act like grown men. They can't be silly; they can't be sissy; they just can't have fun, because we've put tools in their hands that make fun dangerous.

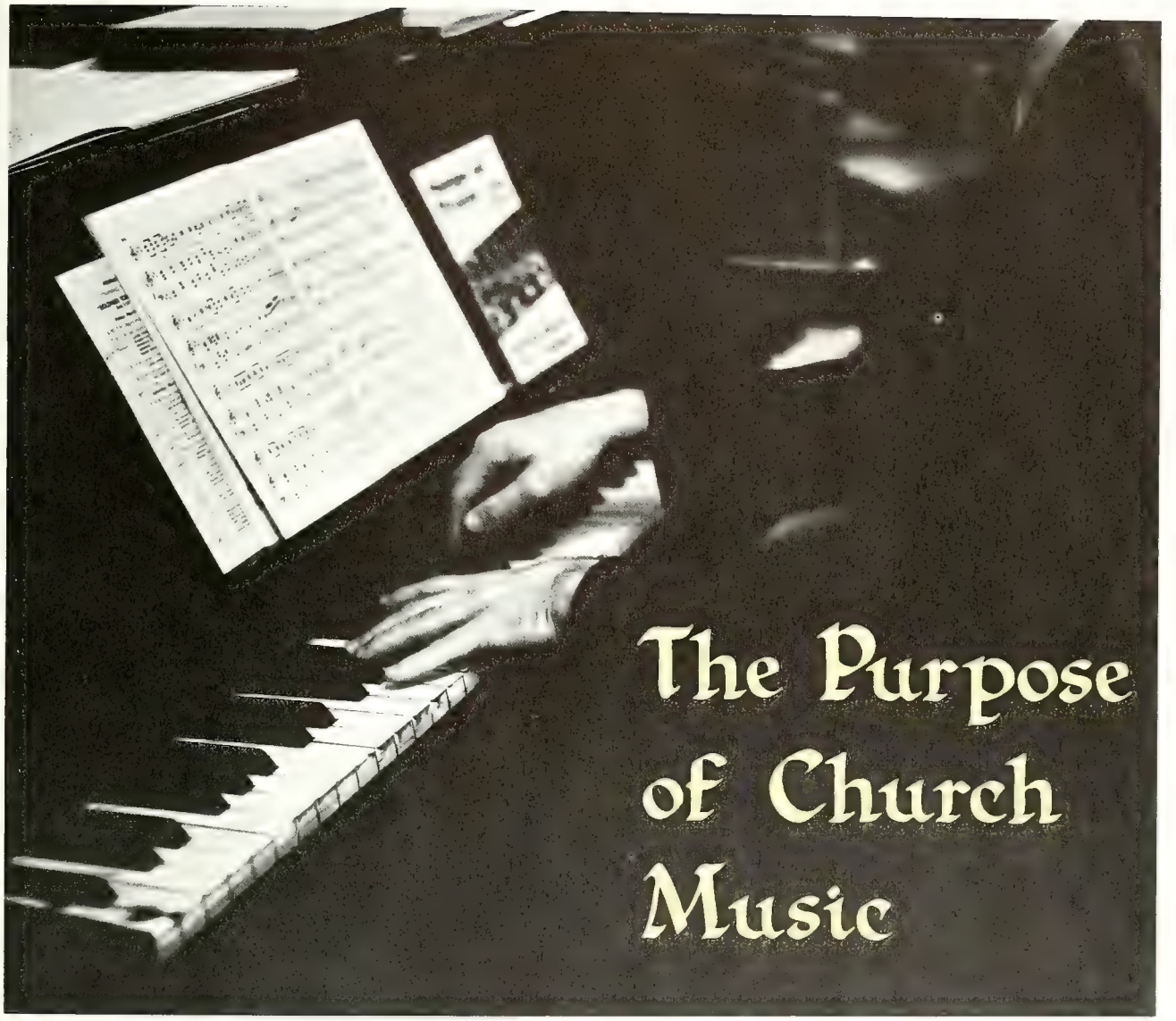
I can take you to principals of junior high schools who tell me with tears running down their cheeks—and they are not Christian men—that one of the most tragic problems they have at the junior high level is kids trying to have sex relations. They don't know what it's all about; it's like playing toy soldiers, playing dolls. They're still little kids. But they have been given information; they've been given pictures; they've been given data, and they think that here's another game, let's try this one. And the great danger is that the game carries explosive elements in it that can involve and hurt and mar for the rest of their lives. I don't blame the kids. I blame my generation. We dumped this garbage on them. And there are two ways to dump it. You can do like the world does and make all this information available to them, or you can do like most Christians do, never talk about it. It's a taboo subject in the homes, and if the kids are going to learn anything, they are going to learn it somewhere else. He isn't free to ask his father; he isn't free to ask his mother; he never sees affection in the home; he doesn't feel the warmth of it all.

If you want to get holy, then love your wife like you ought to love your wife, love your husband like you ought to love your husband, love your children like you ought to love your children, and enjoy a home life like God intended it to be enjoyed. It's the greatest tract you'll ever hand to your neighbors.



"Marriage should stay beautiful . . . it ripens with age and gets richer if there's more to it than sex . . ."

Marriage should stay beautiful. It's like good wine or good cheese or anything else; it ripens with age, and it gets richer if there's more to it than sex, and believe me, there is. When a man and woman can pray together, when a man and woman can enjoy life together, when they can take the burden of their children on their knees before God, ask for wisdom and get it, that is true marriage. When a woman can make her man tall and strong because she believes in him, when she knows his weaknesses and his vulnerable spots, and protects him, when he appreciates her, when he comes home and thinks enough of her to tell her, "Your biscuits are great; your hair is beautiful, and I just love the way you smile," then watch her flower like a rose, and heaven come across her face and her eyes dance. This is the kind of love which proves that Christ is real to you. It is the kind of marriage which God blesses. ▼



The Purpose of Church Music

By Professor Kenneth O. Gangel

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Music has always been closely associated with Christianity. The Apostle Paul encouraged the believers at Colosse to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16). Music has had a foremost place in the church from the very beginning and now as never before is used on a grand scale around the world. Even people who do not play any instrument and cannot sing themselves, enjoy music when it is presented by others. The effectiveness of music depends largely upon the manner and degree in which it is used. Christian music is distinctive and should never be allowed to be poured into the world's mold.

The author is aware that not all Christian educators share his enthusiasm for a focus on church music as an integral part of the total church educational program. However, this is not a new emphasis as Heim reminds us: "From the beginning music had a place in the American Protestant educational program. The earliest attempt at a volume of hymns for children was that of Isaac Watts, whose *Divine and Moral Songs for Children* was issued in 1715. This, with Charles Wesley's *Hymns for Children* (1763), and the old *Bay Psalm Book* of 1640, provided the musical element in the curriculum until *Union Hymns* was published in 1835 by the American Sunday School Union. After that, a number of such titles appeared. Then followed the revivalistic song period and after that, the development of the denominational and interdenominational

hymns most favored at present."

Since Christian music is distinctly related to the church, it becomes the task of the church to educate its constituency. Children, youth, and adults should all be confronted with the best of Christian music, and if they possess talent, be trained to use it for the Lord in the realm of music. This is music education.

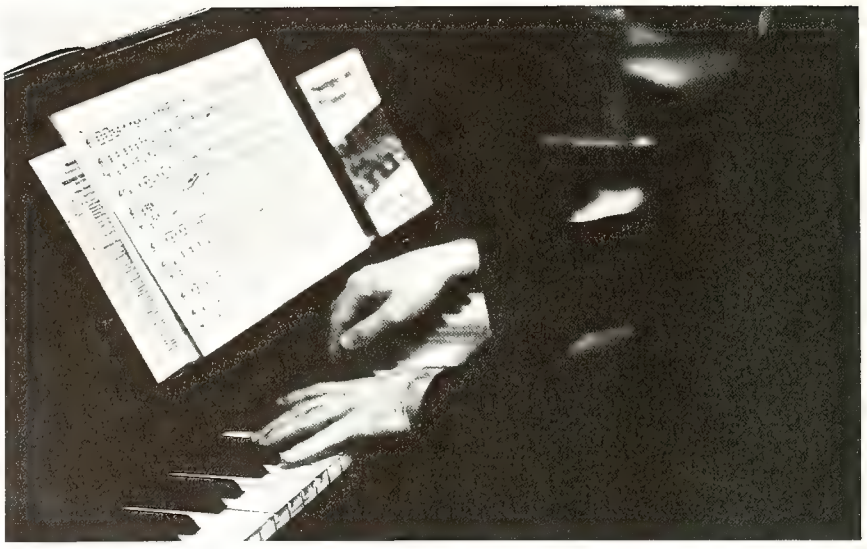
The organizational factors involved here should be obvious. If music is not related to the total church program, it becomes a peripheral area and the unification and correlation essential to proper functioning suffer a defeat. One of the reasons why some pastors have found the music department in the church to be somewhat difficult to handle is that they have not properly related it to the total program of nurture.

The factor of need is also important here. Many evangelical churches are poverty areas when it comes to a recognition and utilization of good church music. Just what is "good" church music may be a debatable issue. Many churches have not even stopped to consider the quality and function of music in their programs. Such a delineation of function begins with a recognition of objectives for church music.

Music for Worship. Worship is almost a lost art in many churches. It is the attitude of man which causes him to reach out to perceive the character and attributes of God in wonder, adoration, and thanksgiving. In the church's time of worship the person in the pew should respond to God's revelation of himself. The music should make the worshiper think of God, think of self in relation to God, and think of others. This was the experience of Isaiah as recorded in the sixth chapter of that book. One writer sets forth three ways in which music helps people to worship:

1. Music calms the nerves and prepares people for an attitude of worship. Examples of hymns which could be used in this way are "Fairest Lord Jesus," "For the Beauty of the Earth," and "Oh Day of Rest and Gladness."

2. Music gives an opportunity to express our own feelings and attitudes. Examples of hymns which can be used as expression include "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" and "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."



3. Music may help in the development of a right conception of God. Examples of hymns with strong theological content would be "Alas and Did My Saviour Bleed," "Can It Be," and "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty."

Music as Preparation. The sermon is the center of any church service in which it appears. One of the purposes of the music should be to lead up to the sermon. To accomplish this the music will have to fit the theme of the message as well as the atmosphere or the type of service. Music can cause the minds of the congregation to dwell on a certain subject in preparation for a sermon on that subject. The music director should also gear his remarks and hymn introductions to lead people's thinking in this manner.

Music in Special Services. Of course it is easy to see how music fits the "special day" services of the church. Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, and so on, all have their characteristic music which reminds people of the significance of that day. There is a distinct place for music in special weeks of services such as revival and evangelistic meetings or a missionary conference. Moody realized this, and Sankey played a great part in the soul-winning success of that great preacher. There are hymns which carry a message of challenge to Christians such as "Is Your All on the Altar?"; there are hymns with a definite evangelistic appeal as "Where Will You Spend Eternity?"; and a fine array of missionary hymns. These should be used carefully to fit the purpose of the special service.

Music as Interest. Some would consider this an unworthy purpose for music and say, "Church music is not to entertain." Yet there are people who would not enter a church to hear a sermon and yet are attracted by a good musical program. If such attend to hear the music and are reached by the message, then music has served a worthy purpose of interest awakener.

Music as Invitation. This is one of the most important parts of the service in an evangelical and evangelistic church. The hymn should be selected with great care, and the music director should be as inconspicuous as possible during the invitation. It is desirable that the people be familiar with the hymn and that the hymn reflect the invitation that the preacher is making. The music director must be alert and flexible during the invitation to blend with the preacher's wishes as to number of verses, speed of singing, which verses to use, and so forth. The spiritual music director always remembers that the words of the invitation hymn may be used of the Holy Spirit to speak to needy hearts.

If the purpose of Christian music can be summarized in one simple statement, the author's formulation of that statement would be a simple five-word imperative: Music must convey a message! It is not incidental to the service to be used only as a time filler. Nor is it to be chosen on the basis of melody, although the hymn tune is important. Music can be a vehicle to carry a message of comfort, challenge, or conviction, and the musician should pray that his music will accomplish its desired purpose. ▼

Go West (Six) Young Men

What do six men do during fifty-eight days of touring the Brethren churches of the West?

We get acquainted with each other. Hours in preparation, performance, recreation, and travel make for a unique proximity, especially the multiplied hours in the confines of two car seats. The enjoyment and the blessings of this aspect of a tour are beyond measure.

We get acquainted with Brethren people. Appearing in fifty Brethren churches and spending the night in at least 100 Brethren homes, we found the fellowship with God's people to be one of the highlights of our experience.

We enjoy a variety of ministries: the traditional church service with songs and testimonies; the Sunday school and youth fellowship hours; the informal ministries of the church dinner, or the social hour after the service; the Saturday night youth rallies; the summer camps, nursing homes and vacation Bible schools. This trip even included a missionary outreach in a Tijuana church, complete with interpreter, a city-wide evangelistic service in Taos, a Grace alumni banquet and a district conference.

By Donald E. Ogden

Professor of Music
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We enjoy the contrasting panorama and weather: the cities and towns, deserts, beaches, redwood forests, mountains, valleys, cool breezes, dry heat, stifling humidity—all a part of the summer scene.

We rejoice in the evidence of the Lord's working in lives: a number of real decisions for Christ; a real interest on the part of young people in finding God's will for their lives and in living for Him; a concern among young and old for the ministries of Grace Schools.

We are grateful for the opportunity that was ours to represent the Lord Jesus Christ and Christian higher education on this tour. We continue to share a burden for those we met, trusting the Lord will continue to speak to many about their relationship to our schools either as patrons or students.

We also take this means of expressing in a public way our thanks to the host of wonderful people who so graciously took us in and ministered to our needs as we came among you. ▼

Touring the West this past June and July under the direction of Professor Don Ogden, was the Grace College Male Quartet—Dale McDaniels, first tenor; Ed Lewis, second tenor; Gary Cole, baritone; and Dave Goodman, bass. All four men have returned to Grace campus to continue their studies.



Garlock Advances

Professor Donald A. Garlock, Assistant Professor of English and Speech at Grace College, was granted the Advanced Master's Degree in Instructional Technology on June 6, 1968, by the School of Education, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, according to Dr. E. William Male, Academic Dean of Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana.

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Before I get started on my plans, I would like to comment on some unexpected blessings that Grace Seminary has brought me. During the first year it was blessings in the form of Bible reading and 5,000 word papers, but these were nothing compared to the blessings that the Lord gave to me when He gave me a Christian wife.

The Lord also opened up the opportunity to serve as student pastor for two years at a small country church where I have been able to impart some of the spiritual truths that the Lord has enabled me to learn.

As for my long-range plans, both my wife and I feel that the Lord has called us to full-time service in the field of foreign missions, although neither of us are sure as to the Lord's specific leading. Perhaps it would be some phase of a teaching ministry in a Bible institute, or teaching missionary kids, or perhaps it might be some phase of church-planting work on a mission field.

Of course, one can see the advantages of a seminary education in the desire that one might have to become a missionary. How can one teach the Scriptures if he hasn't been taught? How can one help someone else with their spiritual questions and problems? This is where a seminary education is vital and necessary.

As far as my short-range plans are concerned, my wife and I have heard the call to go back to Princeton University and serve there in an internship program for a year working under the man that led me to the Lord, Dr. Donald Fullerton. This work will involve teaching ministries and Bible classes to the fellows on the Princeton campus. It will also involve a personal ministry helping individual students with their problems, perplexities, and personal needs for understanding the Word of God. ▼

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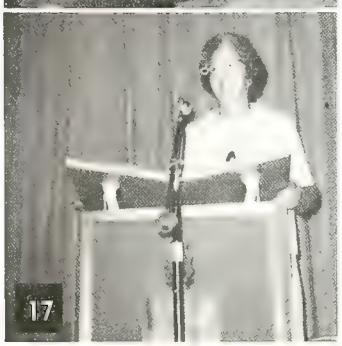
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COVER PHOTO—National Conference Sunday morning dedication service for missionary candidates soon to leave for the fields. The eleven candidates included Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Bearinger, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Farner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Juday, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Peugh, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shargel, and Miss Evelyn Tschetter. (Photo by Ed Jackson)

When Russia Moves

When Russia moves, it's news! Her maneuvers are fast becoming a built-in conditioned reflex to bring the world to alert position. Since the revolution of 1918 she has played fast and free with the peace and well-being of the world. The despotic planners in the Kremlin finagled so smoothly during and after World War II, and consolidated those gains so well that Russia today operates from a power base that is frightening. Her precipitation of the Berlin crisis, her behind-the-scenes activities in the Korean and Vietnam wars, and her disdainful challenge to the sacrosant Monroe Doctrine in the Cuban crisis have caused a defensive world to cry "tilt."

Even her "friends" and supposedly close associate nations of the Warsaw Pact are coming in for a share in the war of nerves. Czechoslovakia, a fellow-communistic nation has experienced some caressing from the Russian Bear! This unprovoked invasion has sent out tremors that have caused a quaking in nations thought of as both friendly and enemy. Yugoslavia, Rumania, and even West Germany are on the defensive following this move. And the end is not yet.

Russia also keeps the Middle East cauldron boiling. Her desire for sunny beaches in the warm ports of the Mediterranean, and her longing to dominate the politics of Israel, the Arab world, and even Africa, have caused her to make power moves that have upped eyebrows and tensed nerves. Her naval maneuvers across the Mediterranean help to upset the equilibrium of that tense section of the world. All of this has a double meaning to those acquainted with Bible prophecy, for Russia is well-identified. The "king of the north" (Daniel 11:40) is destined to play her anti-God role in the unfolding drama in God's dealing with Israel.

Significant in this regard is a very recent statement by representative Roman C. Pucinski that a Russian-inspired Arab invasion of Israel is "imminent." The Illinois congressman states that he has it on good authority that the Soviet Union-rearmed Arabs will move in strength very soon to invade and take over Israel. In itself this might be thought of as just another incident in the Israel-Arab conflict. But when viewed in the broader perspective of Bible prophecy it is indeed significant. The Bible states specifically that the colossus of the north will in the end-time in greed move southward in an effort to overrun the land of Palestine and grab her wealth. It is quite evident that Russia is that nation of Bible prophecy, and that she has no altruistic feeling for the Arabs, but is, in fact laying the ground-work for the move when *she* will attempt to take over that land. Since her pride was wounded so severely in the Arab's dismal showing in the 1967 Six Day War, Russia will redouble her efforts to destroy Israel, and that as soon as possible.

Russia's problem is that she is in the impossible position of being on the side against God. This gives the Christian the assurance that in the end Russia will fail and Israel will ultimately accept Christ as Messiah, and will take her place under the flag of the true and living God. But it also brings us face to face with the reality of terrible times ahead. It should bring the child of God to a place of concern for Israel; a concern that will drive us to prayer as never before. But let us also keep our eyes heavenward, expecting the soon return of our Lord. Preceding the final struggle for Palestine the Lord Jesus will return in the clouds for his church. World events leading up to that blessed event should stir us to greater activity in presenting Him to the people of the world! ▼



Our Shrinking Missionary Dollar

• By Dr. Milton Baker •

"Gasoline just went up 30 percent here," writes a missionary in South America.

"Payment of $7,500 for our 4,680 square feet lot was completed just one year ago; now the lot would sell for $22,000," says a missionary letter from Asia.

And from a missionary nurse in Africa: "We are endeavoring to follow the government wage scale. There was a 40 percent increase in October, a 20 percent increase the first of January, and new rumors of a 25 percent increase in April. This, of course, necessitates a constantly changing schedule of charges for medical care. Medicines are also on a fast advancing price scale."

These eye-opening reports point up one of the most complex problems facing missions today—how to keep abreast of rapidly changing economic conditions afflicting most parts of the world. Wherever mission executives meet, sooner or later the conversation turns to a discussion of soaring costs. Missionary allowances and field work budgets, traditionally considered as modest, now need periodic increases merely to maintain existing levels.

In the United States the cost of living from 1951-1965 averaged an increase of less than 1.5 percent a year. We are now rightly concerned because the cost of living jumped over 3 percent in both 1966 and 1967. Yet in this country we know very little about *real* inflation.

In Brazil, for instance, the cost of living went up 91 percent in 1963—a larger increase in one year than the United States has experienced in the last forty years! In Rhodesia it has soared 25 percent in the past two years. In Argentina it climbed 29 percent in 1967 alone.

A rise in the cost of living, of course, is sometimes offset by a parallel rise in the rate of exchange—that is, the number of units of local currency given for each Amreican dollar. But usually the cost of living jump outruns the increase in exchange.

More and more demands are being made on the missionary dollar which is shrinking in value. Overseas, food prices for a wide range of products frequently soar 10 to 20 percent per year. New sources of revenue initiated by governments have brought income taxes to many missionaries whose allowances would be untaxed in the United States. The increase in the number of automobiles—and thievery of the same—has forced insurance rates to new highs in many lands. The cost of utilities and services make drastic jumps (31 percent in electric rates in Argentina at one time!) as wage increases are granted.

The dearth of natural resources and the inability of many countries to develop an industrial base require imports of products from outside the country. Ocean freight and customs costs at the port of entry boost the price per unit, making things luxury items in a missionary budget which would be considered staple items in American homes.

Missionary parents have the same increased college costs for their children that the rest of us face. Home offices confront new crises as postage, printing, and secretarial costs continue to climb. One large mission recently announced that its office administration expense faced a crisis unparalleled since the late fifties.

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Housing, both overseas and in the United States, poses special problems for missionaries, especially in the mushrooming cities. For years, renting in most cities proved cheaper and less time-consuming and tended to keep missionaries more mobile. In many countries, however, rent controls have been lifted to encourage new construction. Now it is not unusual for middle-class housing to rent from $125-$215 per month, if it is available at all!

How are mission organizations responding to these financial problems? The finance committee of one mission recently granted four fields an increase in work funds. At the same time missionaries in three countries were given an increase in their allowance and an increase in support was voted to augment the mission's shrinking medical fund.

Another mission reports that missionary allowances and work funds have been increased in ten countries in the past fifteen months. Another mission during the past twelve months has raised missionary allowances in the six countries where they have workers, with increases ranging from 13.5 to 36 percent!

The raises provide only what is needed to *maintain* an established norm of living and/or continue existing work programs. In the affluent United States, however, many wage increases exceed the cost of living increase and thus represent an actual gain in purchasing power.

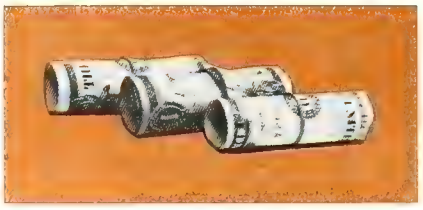
An increase in missionary allowance, of course, can mean a temporary setback for the missionary candidate. One young couple with sights set on Colombia had 40 percent of their needed support. Then the mission board granted a substantial increase to its missionaries. Suddenly the couple had only 26 percent of the required amount.

The worldwide inflationary period of the last twenty years comes at a very critical and challenging time in church history. As evangelical churches overseas are reaching satisfactory levels of stability and maturity, they are being inundated with political, technical, and ecclesiastical pressures that demand new strategies.

Most missions have wisely encouraged national Christians to support their pastors and local church programs by their tithes and offerings. The spiritual growth of overseas churches can often be measured in proportion to the way they have maintained their work apart from mission funds.

But what of the projects which do not relate *directly* to the local church? Examples are the Evangelism-in-Depth and Christ-for-All campaigns. Through them many overseas churches are accepting the challenge of reaching an entire country with the Gospel. Such campaigns, however, require several people working full time, in addition to the investment needed for Scripture portions, tracts, follow-up material, and decision cards.

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Who will build and staff the Christian radio stations or purchase time over commercial stations for gospel broadcasts? What about the purchase of time on local television stations where a regular program reaches a majority of the homes in a metropolitan area? Who will pay for the writers, production personnel, presses, and other funds needed to provide Christian literature for thousands of enthusiastic, new literates and for the churches themselves?

Or what about such organizations as the Association of Evangelicals of Africa and Madagascar (AEAM), which is planning its triennial meeting for next January in Kenya? It needs $25,000 to supplement what missions will contribute to enable multi-racial members of the Body of Christ to meet together for fellowship and to plan cooperative projects which will conserve personnel and avoid unnecessary duplication of effort. National Christians need the spiritual strength that comes from such meetings as they confront those who would draw them away from the reality and simplicity of the Gospel.

While the churches overseas are contributing something to these secondary projects, it is apparent most of the load must be shared by Christians living in the "affluent West." World conditions will not permit us to wait until national churches can initiate and completely support these and other projects themselves. The growth of national churches committed to an evangelical position warrants the development of expanding programs now—at the very time worldwide inflation has sharply curtailed the purchasing power of the dollar!

What can concerned Christians do?

1. *Keep informed.* The fact missionaries do not go on strike for higher wages does not mean they are not facing critical financial needs. As you read of political and economic events in other countries—such as inflation, or changes in the exchange rate, or the devaluation of the British pound—give prayerful consideration to how these problems are affecting evangelical missionaries in these countries.

2. *Pray for those having administrative responsibilities in mission organizations.* Most missions authorize adequate allowances and maintain financial policies to protect generous Christians from being exploited for personal gain. However, in today's world of rapid change, decisions concerning financial matters cannot always be determined easily and speedily by mission boards and home offices. Naturally, the human factor is the biggest one. Given the same allowance, one missionary couple will inevitably be in the red, another couple will break even, while a third couple may be able to maintain a modest savings program. Sometimes the missionaries doing the best job overseas do the poorest job presenting their work among the churches at home. These are as deserving of the same allowance as those who can "carry" the crowd with them when on deputation.

Missions use various financial policies. The three most common are personalized support; pooled fund; and the percent plan.

In general, personalized support requires each missionary to have his support underwritten by churches and individuals before he can leave for his field. The pooled fund plan encourages donors to give to the mission treasury and the missionaries receive equal allowances depending on how much is received.

A number of denominational missions encourage churches to give to the total budget of the denomination and the mission board received a predetermined percentage of every dollar given to the total program.

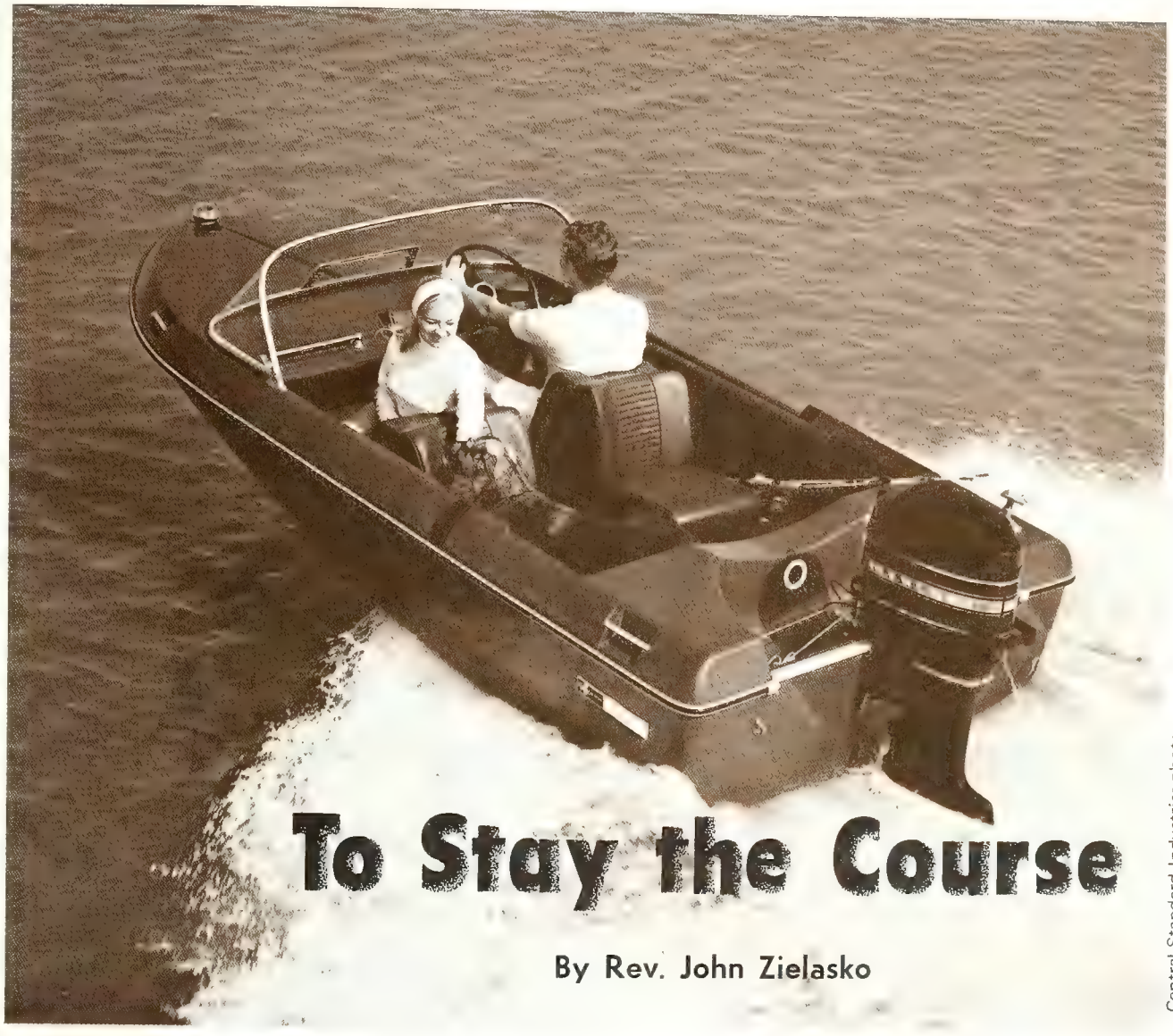
A fine line exists between informing Christians of financial problems and turning the attention of Christian constituencies from spiritual methods and goals to an over-elaboration of financial needs. Mission boards need wisdom and Christians need discernment in drawing that line.

3. *Re-examine your missionary giving periodically.* Every Christian should review his stewardship of personal resources and weigh his missionary giving against funds spent for other purposes. Should we not give more than a tithe in these affluent days? Is the word "sacrifice" to be forever lost from our Christian experience because we are satisfied to compare our present giving to missions to what we did ten years ago? Are we setting up our resources wisely so that by wills, trusts, annuities, and other means the Lord's work will prosper after we have gone to our eternal home?

Christian missions must and will continue until Christ returns—in obedience to the Great Commission and to biblical standards of discipleship. But the scope and effectiveness of our missionary endeavor is in considerable measure dependent upon the wise stewardship of funds now available to the Lord's people in the United States. *Most* U.S. citizens face rising costs, but they also enjoy rising wages. We need to remember that it is still "more blessed to give than to receive."

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To Stay the Course

By Rev. John Zielasko

"America—a great and noble country—like some powerful horse pulling the rest of the world behind it, out of the slough of despond toward peace and prosperity." So said Winston Churchill to an American journalist, and then as he fixed his penetrating old eyes on the reporter, he continued: "But will America stay the course?"

The answer to this question is doubtful, since the undergirding spiritual pillar that brought America to the point where she could be a blessing to the rest of the world has eroded to the point that not only is she not able to maintain her image as a haven and a hope for the world's oppressed, but serious cracks in her internal structure warn of complete moral and spiritual collapse.

For such a time as this God has a remnant, and this remnant recognizes that not America but Christ is the only One who can lead out of this slough of despond. John 8:36: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Among those who still recognize Jesus Christ as Lord and are willing to obey His call to world evangelism is the 30,000-member National Fellowship of Brethren Churches and the Foreign Missionary Society of that denomination. To meet the challenges and opportunities of foreign missions, three intensive weeks of prayer, study, and planning occupied the time of foreign missions personnel just previous to and during national conference.

On Monday evening, July 29, in the college dining room, 52 brethren gathered for a fellowship dinner to inaugurate the Third Annual Foreign Missions Seminar. Among the guests were fourteen missionaries on furlough and thirteen new candidates. The theme of this year's seminar was "The Holy Spirit and Christian Missions." Beginning with the keynote message by Rev. Raymond Thompson and continuing on through the week, the messages on the Holy Spirit emphasized Biblical truths concerning the Holy Spirit in contrast to the fuzzy and unscriptural opinions so prevalent in Christendom today.

But the week was not taken totally with messages. Missionaries and candidates got down to the serious business of discussing the problems and the challenges faced by today's missionaries and sought the methods of overcoming obstacles and hindrances to the task of world evangelism. As missionaries shared the work of the various fields, new insights were gained as they

adapted the lessons learned to their own individual fields of service.

Board meetings occupied the attention of the foreign missions staff immediately after seminar week. During a time of exceptional heat and humidity in Winona Lake, the Board of Trustees faithfully and diligently studied field reports, interviewed missionaries on furlough and new candidates, and heard reports on various phases of the foreign mission program. Decisions were made that emphasize the strength and progress of Brethren Foreign Missions.

The week of national conference included many activities that centered around foreign missions, such as the foreign mission challenge hour, Missionary Helpers Club every evening for the children, and open house at the foreign mission offices where all guests received a souvenir foreign stamp from one of the mission fields.

Dr. Kenneth Ashman delivered a masterful message on missions at the FMS banquet. Adding color to the occasion were missionaries appearing in costumes from the countries where they serve. The highlight of the foreign mission emphasis at conference came during the morning service on Sunday, August 18, when eleven missionaries were dedicated to the Lord's service overseas. Not one of these missionaries had his full support underwritten when conference week began; in fact, a total of $7,470 was needed before seven of them could receive the board's permission to leave for the field. Yet, with abiding faith in the Lord, who told us to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest (Matthew 9:38), and with confidence in Brethren pastors and congregations who have consistently arisen to the expanding challenge of foreign missions, the home office proceeded to make the necessary travel arrangements for early September for the seven. Passports were validated, visas obtained, and tickets on planes and ships purchased. Now the question: would The Brethren Church stay the course? Would she be willing to pull this heavy load in order that these missionaries might join their colleagues in the task of leading people out of the slough of despond into salvation and eternal life in Jesus Christ?

A Moment with Missions

All the facts were presented to the conference, and each day the response was published in the *Conference Herald.* By the end of the week, the total needed had dropped to $1,810. Some pastors indicated that they were sure that their churches would respond just as soon as the need was presented to their congregations. With these assurances, the seven missionaries were cleared for departure: the Ernest Bearingers and the Tim Farners to Brazil; the Dave Shargels and Miss Evelyn Tschetter to France for language study and then on to the C.A.R. At the same time, a new appeal goes forth for the Robert Juday family, preparing to leave just as soon as possible for the Central African Republic, where Mr. Juday will teach in the school for missionaries' children. Also, a new candidate, Miss Kwang Park, preparing to work in Brazil among the Japanese, will soon be presented to the Society. These candidates may soon be in your church. We know you will want to help them get to the field quickly.

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift," and hearty thanks to you, who make it possible for our missionaries to present the gift of God's love to a needy world. ▼

TO AFRICA: TEACHER FOR MISSIONARY CHILDREN

A plea from the Parents Committee on the Africa field, via the field council minutes in January of this year, pointed out the definite need for a teacher for the junior-high age missionary children there on the field.

Not too long afterwards, in a church service, Mr. Robert Juday and his wife—members of the Bethel Brethren Church of Osceola, Indiana—presented themselves in rededication for the Lord's service. Their pastor advised them to talk with the FMS foreign secretary, Rev. John Zielasko. Thus they learned of the need for the teacher in Africa—and, amazingly, in the Lord's timing which is always perfect, that Mr. Juday, a schoolteacher, seemed to be the one who could fill that need.



The Judays

Following the usual preliminaries, the Judays were appointed by the FMS board of trustees as missionaries to the Central African Republic. But it was felt necessary to delay their presentation to the churches until after the completion of outfit and support appeals for the seven new missionaries then in progress—these appeals being a great challenge in themselves.

Undaunted, the Judays set about enthusiastically and energetically to prepare for going to Africa. Their outfit was purchased, packed, and on its way across the ocean before they were even formally presented to the Brethren constituency, and they were being delayed only by their need of outfit and support funds. Anticipating the receiving of these within a matter of weeks, the Judays hope to be on the field sometime this fall.

Opportunities Are Dying in Argentina

By Rev. Hill Maconaghy

But the real question is: what are you going to do about it?

"Pardon me, sir, but would you kindly tell me what this stands for?" These words, spoken to the writer of this article by an employee in the air express office in Buenos Aires where he had gone to inquire about printed materials that had gone astray, became the opportunity of pointing a soul to the Saviour.

The name of our church in Spanish had been ... the Lord to arouse the curiosity of this man. A conversation of half an hour ensued, as we presented to the soul God's plan of salvation. We left some literature with him and inquired if he would accept a copy of the New Testament if we would bring him one. He agreed to do so, and thus this story has not yet ended. Another opportunity will be ours to speak with this man.

Entering an elevator in a building in the ... offered a tract to the operator, affording another opportunity to sow the seed of the Word of God. Since ... New Testament has been given to her and she assures us that she is reading it. God's Word will not return void.

Our Christian bookstore in Lomas de Zamora also offers constant opportunities to witness for our Lord. Recently a young lady entered, who was making a survey of the business houses in the area. Before she left my wife offered her some gospel literature and inquired if she knew anything about the Gospel. This opened a conversation that revealed the lost condition of another soul. Of German background, a professor of philosophy, she acknowledged that she was an atheist and believed the Bible to be only the writings of man. Upon leaving the store she recognized her need of knowing Christ, about this matter and promised to come in again to converse.

Another customer came in to purchase a book. The conversation turned to spiritual matters and she was asked if she were saved. Her response in this question ... another opportunity to help one who, while apparently ... trusting the Saviour, had never attended a gospel ... encouragement.

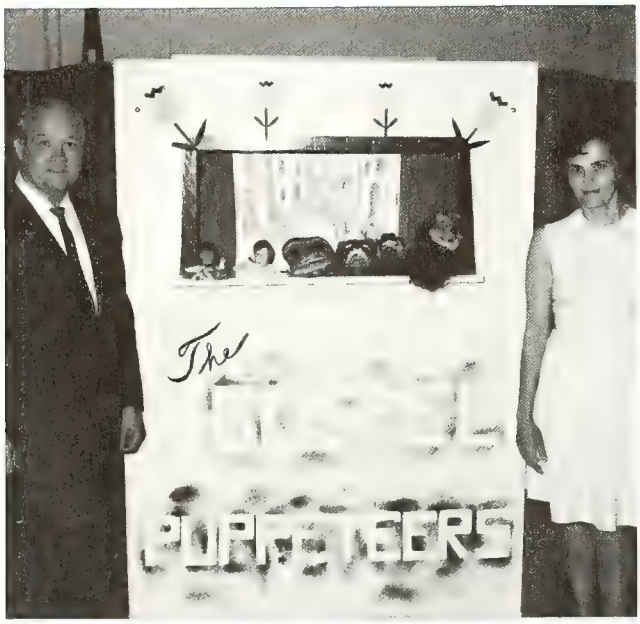
... the spiritual need of a ... "Please come to our home. The doors are open to you." Responding to this opportunity we found a mother, crippled by arthritis, and her two daughters. They had been listening ... them regularly, ... and one of the ... the Lord.

... but a sample of this ... times. However, many ... opportunities because ... anything about them ... and indifference. They ... people with the world ... only to do Jesus Christ.

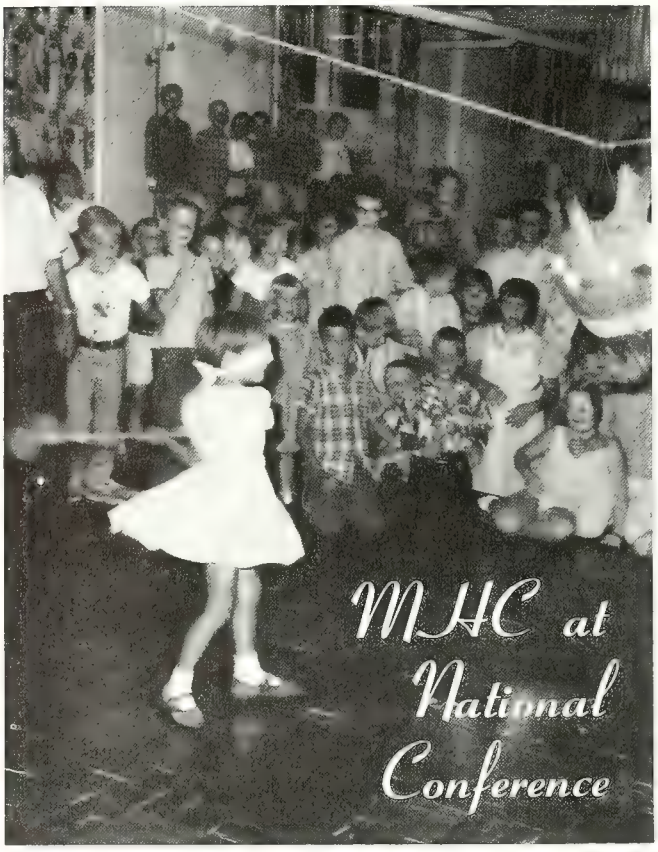
How may we change this ... are we ... for the Word ... in Argentina may be saved by Christ? God's Word tells us how to do this:

"Make good use of every opportunity you get, because these are bad days. Don't be fools then, but try to find out what the Lord wants you to do" (Ephesians 5:16, 17—*Good News for Modern Man*).

Will you try to find out whether the Lord may want *you* in Argentina to help us buy up these opportunities?



Mr. and Mrs. George Farmer.



Pinata time at the Friday night meeting.

Dear Missionary Helpers,

This is being written the day after our big Missionary Helpers Club week at Winona Lake. I want to tell you all about it. It was really great!

We had meetings every night from 7 o'clock until 9:30, Monday through Friday, and then the big parade on Saturday afternoon. I'll try to tell you things as they happened or I'll be sure to miss something. We will start with Monday.

Right at seven o'clock we had one of our special treats. Pastor Tweeddale told us the story of the little foreign boy who stole a chick. He met a missionary, became a Christian, and then was forgiven and paid back even more than he stole. Pastor Tweeddale sounded just like a little boy, a grandfather, and even all the different-sized chickens in the story.

A real surprise came when Debbie Tweeddale brought her two talking dolls. You can't see her move her mouth a bit when she talks for them. It sounds just like they are talking. She will be back next year, so you all come to hear her.

Monday night, and every night, we had Mr. and Mrs. Farmer and also Mrs. Towner with us. Mrs. Towner told stories of "Joshua Marching for God" with her wonderful flannelgraph and colored lights. The Farmers told missionary stories with their happy puppets. Come and meet them all next year.

Every night we had a different missionary and they were all good. We learned so much about Africa from Lois Ringler, Argentina from the Fays, Brazil from the Johnsons, Mexico from the Churchills, and Hawaii from the Leeches. We could ask all the questions we wanted to ask. They taught us songs and showed us pictures and curios, as well as telling stories about their fields.

Another special treat was Dr. Jobson's story on Wednesday. He told all about how he went to Africa the first time. It was like going up the Congo River with him as he made all the boat noises, killed the crocodile, and even bounced the carrying chair along the jungle trail.

Do you know that we have real talent in MHC? Do you know that Mark Britton from South Bend, Indiana, can play the piano almost like Rudy Atwood, and Stanley Martin from Winona Lake can sing like a top star? They were in the programs, too. Our theme was "Marching for God." We saw five new slide-tape sets about "Marching," and you can get them for your church from the Foreign Mission office.

The featured field was Mexico and we had Mexican posters all over the walls and four big "pinatas" hanging from the ceiling. On Friday night we had a real Mexican fiesta with one of the pinatas. A pinata is a big decorated paper-mache figure, and we filled it with wrapped cookies. The pinata we used looked like a hen sitting on a huge nest of eggs, and we hung it from a rope. Many children took turns being blindfolded and trying to hit it with a stick. Finally it got hit often enough that it broke and the cookies went all over the place. There was a real cookie scramble.

Eight churches sent MH quiz teams and they all knew almost all the answers. The competition was very close. Also, five boys and girls said all of this year's verses by memory. You will see who won and all their names at the end of this letter.

We did many other things, but I want to tell you about the parade on



A rhythm band practice session.

Nelson Fay explaining an Argentina drink, Mate.



MHC picketing for Foreign Missions at the auditorium before Friday evening service.





The MHC parade.

Saturday. The four top winners in quizzing and verses marched in front carrying the Bible, the flags, and the banner. They had red-and-white drum major hats and capes. All the rest who had quizzed and said verses helped carry the banner. Then came the rhythm section, hat section, shield, spinner, and butterfly sections. Everyone made his own hat, shield, spinner, or butterfly, and we picked a winner to lead each section.

We then marched to the auditorium for the rally, where all the awards were given out. Here is the list, so you will know who won.

Top awards: No. 1, Mary Male, Warsaw, Indiana; No. 2, Bruce and David Jackson, Dayton, Ohio; No. 3, Doug Russell, Berne, Indiana.

Runners-up, in order: Dick Smith, Elkhart, Indiana; Mike Swihart, Elkhart, Indiana; Randy Miller, Warsaw, Indiana; Rachel Bracker, Elkhart, Indiana; Denise Grubb, Ankenytown, Ohio; Mark Britton, South Bend, Indiana; Raymond Ginader, Philadelphia, Pa.; Steven Griffith, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kathy Clinton, Altoona, Pa.

Lots of love,
Aunt Alys



Story time with Mrs. Phyllis Towner.



"She was given a choice: support a
the Marxian ideology, or go to

A Most Unusual Vessel

By Sally Alfring

It was the song "Oh happy day that fixed my choice" that touched the heart of Mrs. Azat H. Garabedian Meljanian, and caused her to accept Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. It was this same song that gave her strength to make decisions, even decisions which might have resulted in cruel death.

On April 1, 1901 in a little town in Russian Armenia, a most precious gift was brought to a very humble, God-fearing family: a baby girl. The Garabedian family was a close-knit family and they loved God but not as the Saviour of mankind.

Azat remembers her childhood as a happy and free experience. As she grew older, however, the Bolshevik Movement started to gain peasant power, and gradually, Communism spread as would an epidemic.

Azat went to an Armenian school and was a good student. She was blessed with intelligence and an eagerness to learn. When she became of age, she entered the University of Armenia, preparing to become a teacher.

"The teacher," she said, "would give us the lecture notes and then spend the rest of the time marveling over the wonders of Karl Marx, and Communism."

At this particular time, the Bolsheviks were not in power. The Armenians would not tolerate such treason; they put her instructor in prison for teaching the Communist ideology. As a



Mrs. Azat H. Garabedian Maljanian

humble servant, Azat would bring him food and other things to make existence easier for him. Even though she did not believe in the ideas he presented in class, her natural love and kindness for a fellow human being led her to help and comfort him.

Then it happened! In 1921 the Bolsheviks took over Armenia. Azat was given the choice we often contemplate: either support and teach the Marxian ideology, or go to prison. Because her faith in God was a personal faith, she could not denounce the claims of the real "way, . . . truth, and life." She was sent immediately to a prison camp. Azat was forced into a small room filled with people: some dead, some unconscious, some alive. She drank water filled with the blood of her fellow Christian and anti-communists. Azat remained here for six months.

About the same time Azat went into the prison camp, her philosophy instructor was released because he was willing to teach in accordance with the Bolshevik regime. He never forgot the devotion and faithfulness of Azat. The teacher was an intellectual leader among the ranks and because of this, they respected his opinion. When he discovered that Azat was in a prison camp, he told his compatriots not to harm her.

On a chosen night, the Communists decided to "do away with" Azat's group. A common liquidation method was to take the prisoners to the outskirts of town, have them dig their own graves, make them stand in front of the freshly made pit, and shoot them in such a way that they would not even have to bury them. Early in the morning, while it was still dark, they lined up Azat's group. Azat was put near the end. Then came the final death march, and out they went. When they were nearing their final destination, one of the soldiers grabbed Azat by the arm and pulled her out of line. Her heart started beating rapidly.

"What do you want with me?" she cried.

"Hush up," he replied as he pulled her out of sight.

"But I wish to die," she thought. "What will he do with me?"

They traveled quickly in the early morning mist and finally reached Azat's home. "Why would he do this for me?" she thought.

The soldier told her to call her mother but in fear for the security of her family, she refused. Azat's mother heard the strife that took place outside the door and received her long lost daughter into her arms. As she turned for a second glance at the soldier, he was gone. A deed of love and devotion in the past had been remembered and repaid by a professor that could not forget the humbleness of this unusual vessel. God had provided a way for Azat's life to be spared.

Azat remained at her home with her mother for a short time then fled to a nearby mission. It took almost 18 months to secure plans to leave for America: a dream that was too great to visualize. Finally, on November 1, 1923, Azat H. Garabedian placed her feet firmly down upon the ground of the great and free United States of America.

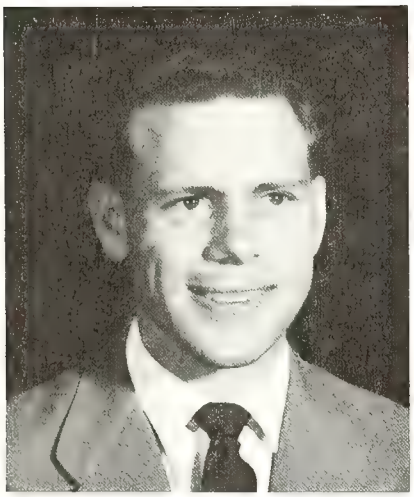
Life, however, did not stay as great nor as jubliant as she had hoped. Soon after her marriage the depression hit. Azat and her husband lost everything and decided to move west. They settled east of Los Angeles and the Lord blessed them with two daughters, Anita and Sylvia, and a son, Edward. During World War II, Azat attended night school and became a nurse. She wanted to be used by the Lord to help others as others had so graciously helped her.

Azat Meljanian has just returned from a 6 weeks tour of the United States. She feels strongly for our American system of government and the freedoms we enjoy. Within the last few months God has helped her through a serious cancer operation that could have been fatal.

"My life and experiences would be harmful," she expressed, "if God were not glorified. He is my light and my salvation. It is not my life but His love that has given me the strength to carry on."

Church News

AKRON, OHIO. Two quizzers from the Fairlawn Brethren Church won places on the National All-Star quiz team that will make a trip to Hawaii next Easter. Rudy Harris and Roxanne Fogle were the number one and two quizzers on the team. Accompanying the winners on the trip will be Mr. David Miller, coach of Fairlawn's national champion quiz team. Vernon J. Harris, pastor.



WHEATON, ILL. Dr. Austin Robbins, pictured above, Brethren missionary dentist to the Central African Republic since 1959, will be one of the speakers at the International Convention on missionary medicine. The convention, sponsored by Medical Assistance Programs, Inc., will be held Dec. 27-30, 1968, on the campus of Wheaton College. MAP helped Dr. Robbins establish a training center for African dentists in a region where only three dentists worked among 1½ million people. "Dental care can be a tremendous demonstration of Christian love and care," explains J. Raymond Knighton, executive director of MAP.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Board of Evangelism is happy to announce the addition to its staff of Rev. Allen Herr as an evangelist. Mr. Herr will begin his ministry under the board on Jan. 5, 1969. Those who are interested in scheduling Evangelist Herr are invited to write the Board of Evangelism, Box 355, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Rev. Charles G. Thornton has accepted the call to be the pastor of the First Brethren Church. The Thornton family will be moving to Washington the last week in November, or sooner if the Buena Vista, Va., Brethren Church can obtain a replacement before that time.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. A son, Jared Lee, was born Aug. 4, to Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Young. Rev. Young is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church.

MAITLAND, FLA. The Grace Brethren Church extended a unanimous call to Rev. R. Paul Miller of Mansfield, Ohio, to become pastor of the church. The pastor and his family will be assuming duties there after Sept. 22. Present pastor, Herman W. Koontz and his wife have accepted the unanimous call of the St. Petersburg Brethren Church to minister to them on weekends. They will begin this ministry sometime in October. Herman W. Koontz, pastor.

OSCEOLA, IND. The four area churches at Goshen, South Bend, Osceola, and Elkhart, Ind., held a carry-in pot luck supper on Sept. 17 at the Bethel Brethren Church here. Rev. Lester Pifer and Rev. Sherwood Durkee were present to hold a Home Mission rally. Gordon W. Bracker, pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Sergeant Daniel A. Fortney was honored recently as he was awarded "The Air Force Commendation Medal" for his professional competence, leadership, and devotion to duty while serving as a Chaplain Services Specialist, Headquarters Keesler Technical Training Center, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, from Dec. 17, 1965 to Mar. 2, 1968. M. L. Myers, pastor

CLAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, Executive Editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine, was the special speaker for the recent Sunday school picnic of the Clayton Brethren Church. He presented information on the work of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., and in the evening, he showed slides he personally took in Vietnam. William E. Howard, pastor.

CHANGES. Rev. and Mrs. G. Forrest Jackson have moved to 172 Burgess Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45415. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin E. Cashman, 12346 Charlwood, Cerritos, Calif. 90701 (Tel. 213-860-4576). Rev. and Mrs. Roy Glass, 3426 Mt. Pleasant Rd., N.W., North Canton, Ohio 44720. Please change your *Annual.*

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Christian Education Board of the NFBC is vitally concerned about the pressing need because of the number of empty pulpits that plague our fellowship. In October, a packet of information will introduce to each pastor a newly revised program to provide and help prepare future leaders in the NFBC. Brethren Student Life Volunteers is tested and proven. Those who were enrolled some years back have found places of leadership in our fellowship. Renewed stress is going to be placed on this program. Those who enroll in BSLV will be given a personal ID card, will periodically receive letters of encouragement from key pastors and leaders, and will be able to attend special sessions in next year's National Youth Conference. Other plans are being formulated to bring all the influence and encouragement possible to those who express a desire to live for the Lord Jesus Christ. Jim Custer, Outreach Commission Chairman.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Uniontown, Pa.	October 20-27	True Hunt	A. R. Kriegbaum
Wooster, Ohio	Oct. 27-Nov. 3	Kenneth Ashman	Scott Weaver



HARRAH, WASH. What looks at first to be the world's largest camper, is actually one of the old cabins at the Northwest District Camp Clear Lake being moved to a new location. The tilt-bed truck was used to advantage in lifting up the old building from its original leg foundations. Chain and steel-cable "come easies" coaxed the building into position on the truck. The photograph shows the truck backed into position to lower the cabin onto its new cement block foundation. New paneling will be installed.

AKRON, OHIO. The Fairlawn Brethren Church held an open-house on Aug. 25, in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Vernon J. Harris. It was held in the pastor's home.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. A reception was held in honor of Pastor Jack Peters and his family, in the fellowship hall following the Sunday evening service, Aug. 25. A generous gift of money was presented along with several fun gifts. The decor was pink, in honor of Dawn, the youngest of the family. Jack K. Peters, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Barbara Jean Sorensen and James Arthur Larson, June 7, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Sandra Gail Holliday and Dennis Lester Garwood, June 8, Grace Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.

Patty Joe Curtis and Charles James Wilshire, June 14, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Carolyn Sue Bingham and Craig Paul Chase, June 20, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. John (Eulah) Page and Mr. Arthur Schwab, June 23, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Vivian Orena Stanley and Howard L. Whitaker, July 12, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Belinda Arnett and Billy Snyder, Aug. 19, Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va.

Karen Lucille Higbie and John Mitchel Zinaich, Jr., Aug. 24, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Doris Garver and Dr. Harvey Donner, Aug. 31, La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.

Beverly Johnson and Barry E. Poche, Aug. 31, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Joyce Loan and Richard K. Hodges, Aug. 31, Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va.

Susan Reed and Richard Munns, Sept. 3, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Janis Parker and Richard Jensen, Sept. 3, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Linda Langham and Carl Meyer, Sept. 6, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Linda Thrasher and Jim Smith, Sept. 7, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Laura Long and Weyburn Hostetler, Sept. 14, Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind.

Peggy Clements and Jerry Hanchett, Sept. 20, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Sharon Byers and Jerry Varner, Sept. 28, Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

ECKES, Mrs. Elsie, 73, departed to be with the Lord on Sept. 3. She was a member and Sunday-school teacher for many years in the First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa., before moving to Florida. She is the aunt of Ruth Snyder, Brethren missionary to Africa. Jack K. Peters, pastor.

FAIR, Richard, 35, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, died after a fall while at work for the Ohio Edison Co. Rev. Jack Peters conducted the funeral.

MYERS, Norman, a very faithful member and worker in the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, died suddenly on Aug. 30. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

SNYDER, Mrs. Mabel, wife of Rev. Sheldon W. Snyder, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Hopewell, Pa., and mother of missionary Roy Snyder, concluded a life of faithful service to the Lord when she died on Sept. 2. Submitted by Rev. Robert G. Clinton.



WAYNESBORO, PA. "Religious Heritage Sunday" was featured Aug. 18, at the First Brethren Church as a part of the city's sesquicentennial. Many members dressed in old-fashioned garb for the services of the day. Pictured are members holding photos of all the pastors of the church during its 60-year history. Those pictured are Pastors Bauman, Witter, Tombaugh, Horlacher, Benshoff, Crees, Lewis, Zimmerman, Holliday, Gray, and Kent. The present pastor is Wendell Kent.

21 Ideas for Your SMM

Here are more project ideas from SMM groups. Add this list to the one in the June 1 *Herald.* Use these ideas and add others to them as you plan this year's projects. Have a great year in SMM!

PARTIES

Progressive supper at homes of WMC ladies and attend basketball game afterward. (Warsaw, Ind.)

Halloween masquerade and pass out tracts from door-to-door. (Berne, Ind.)

Birthday party at which there is a special table for each month. (Meyersdale, Pa.)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Hold a tea for new members and their mothers at the beginning of the year. (Osceola, Ind.)

Have a vacation travelogue along each mission point. (Mansfield, Ohio)

Have a fashion show in which girls model clothes they make. (Long Beach, Calif.)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Make story books from left-over Sunday school material and give them to children in a county hospital. (Rialto, Calif.)

Play "Bible-Hangman" to learn names of the missionaries. (Long Beach, Calif.)

Make Valentine favors for local nursing home. (Kokomo, Ind.)

Have a mailing service set up at the church at Christmas to deliver cards for the church families. (New Troy, Mich.)

Bring Christmas gifts for a former SMM member now attending college. (Uniontown, Pa.)

Make tea towels for church. (Meyersdale, Pa.)

Present a skit at youth rally depicting the work of SMM. (Meyersdale, Pa.)

Make macaroni pictures for mothers. (Lancaster, Pa.)

Make wastebaskets for primary Sunday-school rooms. (Lancaster, Pa.)

Make pictures for toddler nursery. (Lancaster, Pa.)

Have an SMM program in the Sunday evening service. Include: details of SMM, solos, duets, and serve refreshments. (Roanoke, Va.)

Older girls have a secret sister from the Jr. SMM and give them a gift for Valentine's Day. (Uniontown, Pa.)

Invite the whole church to a carol sing at Christmas time. (Berne, Ind.)

Help in the nursery or church-time program for 2 to 5 year olds. (Warsaw, Ind.)

Have a project day and wash windows and nursery toys. (Rialto, Calif.)

CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Pam Edenfield is the SMM Girl of the Year, 1968. Pam is from the Allegheny District and is the new National SMM president. Watch for more information concerning Pam, her court, and the other SMM activities of conference in the Nov. 2 *Brethren Missionary Herald.*

Needed: A Missionary-Minded WMC

By Mrs. William Schaffer

WMC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Mrs. William Schaffer

Greetings! And welcome to our twenty-ninth annual conference of the Women's Missionary Council of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. It is encouraging to come to conference and find so many who are faithful in attending each year. We are extremely happy for those of you who have come for the first time. May this be the beginning of a rich experience for you.

We have assembled for fellowship, for encouragement, and for inspiration. One of the purposes of our Women's Missionary Council is to promote the cause of home and foreign missionary work. The editor of our *Foreign Mission Echoes,* in the February issue of this year, paid our ladies a challenging compliment when he stated, "The Women's Missionary Council, the women's organization of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, has through the years been a wonderful friend of Brethren Foreign Missions, has never forgotten that its 'middle name' is Missionary."

The support of the Bouca mission station in Africa was the project for our first year of existence, which was 1938. This was followed by other projects for Africa, and then Argentina. Not only Foreign Missions, but also Home Missions, and other Brethren organizations have been supported through the years by WMC. And what value can be placed upon the backing of faithful praying which the WMC gives in the interest of missions? At this point, my prayer to challenge you is that the Holy Spirit may choose to help you recall the many answers to prayer each of you has witnessed because of your faithfulness in talking to God through His Son concerning the needs of our missionary workers—both home and foreign. I wish I had been more faithful! And by the same token may He choose to challenge us to increase our intercessory praying for our missionary workers, the men and women, young people, and the boys and girls in the areas served by our missionary workers.

I will share with you in part an article that I read last month. It was printed in the *Woodville News* taken from the Akron, Ohio, *Compass.* Two preachers were discussing a future speaking engagement which they were to have in a certain church. The one said to the other, "Is this a missionary-minded church?"

What is a missionary-minded church anyway? A variety of answers has been given to this question. To some, a missionary-minded church means that the people of a church love their missionaries. Sunday school classes write faithfully to the missionaries. Birthday cards and Christmas packages are sent regularly. In the prayer meeting people pray that the missionaries will be kept well and strong. To some, this is what is meant by being missionary-minded. All of these are good, of course, in themselves. But the article reveals that something important is lacking in this kind of concern. This kind of missionary-mindedness shows love only for the missionary and not at

"Missionary-mindedness . . . is concern."

all for the people to whom he is sent.

To others, being missionary-minded means that a church supports a long list of missionaries, and that the church has a large missions budget. No doubt you have heard remarks like this: "That church gives $75,000 a year to missions." Or "They support fifty missionaries overseas." To many, these are the standards of missionary-mindedness. Too, our missions giving could be regulated by income tax laws rather than by a deep heart concern.

"What then is a missionary-minded church?" the article continues. The question could be answered in this way. A missionary-minded church is a *concerned church.* It is a church that is concerned about the things God cares about. It is a church that is concerned about men and women who are lost in sin. And it is a group of believers willing to invest themselves totally in the task of reaching men and women with the Good News. This test could be applied to our own councils—women manifesting Christ. Missionary mindedness boils down to personal discipleship and personal commitment to Christ. *We* were once lost in sin and now are found! And if being found means *anything* at all to us, we will be excited enough to invest our all in helping others to be found, too. Women manifesting Christ! Let us care more about the things God cares about this year. I believe we are God's witnesses. The world may not read the Bible, but the world will read our lives.

Now concerning our other purpose which states "and to deepen the spiritual life of the women by Bible study and prayer." What has been our attitude this past year toward our Bible studies based on the theme of drawing "Nearer, Still Nearer"? Has it been one of encouragement to one another expressed in our theme verse, Hebrews 10:22? "Let us draw near with a true heart." Think this in your mind as I repeat those words. "Let us draw near with a true heart." These words came right to me each month from the Author himself as the Bible study was presented.

Then, can you remember how you were challenged to demonstrate this in your daily living? Let me help you recall the opportunities you had to mature as you yielded to the suggestions each month. Still nearer in your family devotions? Nearer, still nearer as you witnessed? Did He speak to you in your Bible reading and studying? Were you drawn nearer because you fellowshiped with other Christians? As you reviewed the imminent return of our Lord, did your witnessing become more urgent? If opportunity would permit, I would be interested in hearing of your being drawn nearer with a "true heart" in complete assurance and absolute trust and confidence in His power and wisdom, having your heart purified from a guilty conscience.

I believe there is joy in obedience to the Word of God. Someone has written, "Perfect obedience would be perfect happiness if only we had perfect confidence in the One we are obeying." Does this seem like an impossible way of happiness? Grandmothers, mothers, and daughters! Ladies of our Women's Missionary Councils! God loves us and He has a wonderful plan for our lives. He loves us more than the love of friendship. "Will you have me," He says to the believer, "to be my beloved? May I have My way with you in all things?"

In many ways He makes this offer of union with himself to every believer. But all do not say "Yes" to Him. Other loves and other interests seem too precious to them to be set aside. They do not miss heaven because of this, but they miss an unspeakable joy. Christ, speaking in John 10:10 said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." I shall say it this way: Happiness is the hearing of the Word of God and the doing of it.

And now ladies, in I John 5:4, we read "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: . . . even our *faith!* Who is she that overcometh the world, but she that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God. And that, ladies, is our theme verse for the new WMC year. I John 5:4: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: . . . even *OUR FAITH.*

Evan Hopkin writes, "Faith needs facts to rest upon." Once we begin to count on facts, our Father begins to build us up in the faith. God in His Word reveals to us the facts with which faith has to deal. From his profoundly simple trust in God, George Mueller was able to say, "God delights to increase the faith of His children." Instead of wanting no trials before victory, no exercise of faith for patience, we ought to be willing to take the trials from God's hands as a means to victory. George Mueller says it deliberately: "Trials, obstacles, difficulties, and sometimes defeats, are the very food of faith." Do you still hear that echo from the Author of I John 5:4-5? "Even our faith."

Again I am glad to call to your attention the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the selecting of the WMC themes each year. Do you notice the continuity in the process of maturing spiritually? His work in our lives is a process which is progressive. As a recent example: we were willing to be sent. Because of our being "sent," we needed to be very close to the Lord—yes, nearer, still nearer. *We* don't want defeat so we need to apprise God's formula for the victorious life. The plan will be revealed to us month by month in our Bible studies.

Let's enumerate the victories we might anticipate this 1968-69 WMC year. Could we each make an individual list of the victories we would hope to achieve to the glory of God? All right! Let's start with our own personal lives. Let us name the victory or victores we would like to trust God for this year. Now, enlarge this to include victories in our own households. This should result in some victories in our local churches. What spiritual victories would you like to see accomplished in your local group of believers? As you add to your list, keep in

mind Hebrews 11:6. "But without *faith*, it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." How big have you allowed your God to be? In faith ask Him, remembering that "without faith, it is impossible to please God." Then "trust in the Lord with all your heart"—acknowledge Him in all your ways and He shall direct your paths. Don't doubt this promise. Let's not be a group of *doubters*. We like to be known as a group of *believers*.

Let's go up higher in the organization in our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches where we will want to continue this pattern of anticipated victories. In your districts, some of you are already anticipating some more victories—a Bible class needing a pastor to lead them, a Brethren church needing to relocate, and so on. And then to victories on the national level. All during the remainder of this week, we will be hearing of victories anticipated from the Home Missions Council. From our Foreign Missionary Society we will again be challenged by victories anticipated by their leaders. We have already taken notice of the victories our Christian Education Department has asked for. To see what the Lord has done for and through our Grace Schools is an incentive to ask Him for even greater victories in that training area. To see the library completed and paid for is one. We want to include our Board of Evangelism and our list continues to grow to include another one near to our hearts, our SMM. You probably are ahead of me now.

May the Holy Spirit complete this challenge to the accomplishment of many anticipated victories the Lord can give us as we continue to believe Him today, tomorrow, the whole month, and the whole WMC year.

In closing I want to read again I John 5:4. This time from the King James version. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Let us be concerned about the things God cares about. Then we will be a missionary-minded WMC because we are concerned about men and women, boys and girls, who are lost in sin and need to be found. ▼

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

AFRICA—

Miss Mary Cripe December 5
Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic

Thomas George Hocking December 15, 1959
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Joyce Louise Garber December 16, 1964
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

John Paul Garber. December 16, 1964
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Daniel Paul Beaver December 23, 1954
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Harold L. Dunning December 27
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Donald F. Miller December 27
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Miss Mary Ann Habegger December 29
Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

Robert James Cover, Jr. December 9, 1959
Marcelo Alvear 703, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.

Mrs. Clark W. Miller December 25
Circunscripcion 4, Seccion 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina, S.A.

BRAZIL—

Rev. Ralph R. Schwartz December 14
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Stanley Craig Miller. December 29, 1954
Caixa Postal 368, Belem, Para, Brazil

HAWAII—

Mrs. Foster Tresise December 14
95-303 Waioni Street, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii 96786

MEXICO—

Rev. Walter Haag December 4
425 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

Margaret Loree Churchill December 20, 1952
518 Blackshaw Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

IN THE UNITED STATES—

Miss Johanna Nielsen December 3
1819 Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California 90806

Miss Mary Emmert December 4
Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

Rev. E. N. Fay December 15
1112 Chestnut Street, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

WMC at National Conference



Mrs. Dale Hostetler, Santa Barbara, Calif.

1968-69 national WMC officers. Front row, L to R: Mrs. Williard Smith, Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy, Mrs. Ken Rucker, Mrs. Dan Pacheco, Mrs. Richard Placeway. Back row, L to R: Mrs. Robert Ashman, Mrs. William Schaffer, Mrs. Earle Cole, Mrs. Charles Koontz, Mrs. Phillip Simmons.





Missionary Birthday recognition.

National WMC Objectives and Recommendations

OBJECTIVES (LOCAL)–

1. REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY

First choice: The entire Bible in 1968-1969. Three chapters a day and five chapters on Sunday, or send to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana, for Bible Reading Charts.

Second choice: The Brethren booklet "Daily Devotions," using both the Scripture passages and the meditation.

Third choice: Regular Bible reading of own choosing.

2. FAMILY DEVOTIONS

The establishment of daily family devotions in every home. The local prayer chairman should be responsible for the family worship emphasis in local councils regularly.

3. PRAYER EMPHASIS

a. That each council observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month, using the *Brethren Missionary Herald* plus the requests sent to the pastors from Home Missions, Foreign Missions and the Christian Education Department.

b. That each council encourage each woman to be a prayer warrior for a daily time of prayer. (Use Home and Foreign Missions prayer booklets.)

c. Pray for the youth in your district who have made decisions for full-time service.

4. SOUL-WINNING

a. Our goal–every WMC member a witness and a soul winner with the prayer chairman keeping a record of all souls saved, via children's Bible classes, VBS, Sunday school, SMM, and so on.

b. Cooperate with or sponsor a monthly visitation and tract distribution program, with the local tract chairman keeping a monthly record of tracts used.

5. MONTHLY MEETINGS

A minimum of 12 devotional meetings, using the Brethren WMC programs.

6. DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES

As a means of promoting individual growth and enthusiasm for the WMC work, each council take part in the district projects and be represented at the rallies.

7. MAJOR OFFERINGS

Please send all money to the national financial secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Robert Ashman, 602 Chestnut St., Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the program packet.

a. September, October, November–Home Missions. For building a new parsonage in Taos, New Mexico. Send before Dec. 10.

b. December, January, February–Grace Schools and Christian Education Department. Grace Schools: To prepare present library space for classrooms or office use. Christian Education Department: For training in Missionary Endeavor. Send before March 10.

c. March, April, May–Foreign Missions. To purchase kitchen equipment for African field council and the remaining money to be used for building houses for students at the Bible Institute. Send before June 10.

d. June, July, August–General and Publication Fund. Send before Sept. 10.

e. Thank Offering for Brethren Jewish Missions. Send anytime before June 10. We urge the use of the synagogue banks for the penny-a-day per member offering. (Secure banks, free of charge, from the Brethren Home Missions Council, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.)

f. Birthday Offering to be received during the year for the support of WMC missionaries. (We suggest a minimum goal of a dollar a year per member.) Send before June 10. Birthday Missionaries for 1968-69:

Mrs. Harold Dunning–Africa
Mrs. Don Hocking–Africa
Mrs. Phillip Guerena–Mexico
Mrs. Ralph Swartz–Brazil
Mrs. Lester Kennedy-Africa

RECOMMENDATIONS–

1. That a consecration service be held annually (preferably early fall) in each local council to reconsecrate membership and to recognize new members.

2. That the secretary of each local council keep the membership cards and be responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council.

3. That officers in the local council be elected and begin planning in June, be installed in July, and take office at the close of the August meeting. The national and district statistical reports, compiled by the retiring president, must be in the hands of the district president by July 1, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1968 through June, 1969.

4. That each council promote the evangelization of youth, encouraging each woman to assist willingly in Sunday School, VBS, children's Bible classes, Active Christian Teens (Brethren Youth Fellowship), and other church-sponsored youth activities.

5. That the women in each council be urged to show *increased* interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such

as prayer, work projects, financial help, and a willingness to serve as a patroness, assistant, or in any other capacity.

6. That the women of each council read and use the Pen Pointers. We suggest an annual quiz in each council. (More Pen Pointers may be obtained from the Brethren National WMC literature secretary, Mrs. Charles Koontz, R. R. 3, Warsaw, Indiana 46580.)

7. That each WMC member give regularly as the Lord leads and prospers her.

8. That we send good, usable clothing to the following missions (each council be responsible for entire expense).

Navajo Indian Mission–Children's cotton clothing ONLY (up to 15 yrs.). Parcel Post–Mr. Larry Wedertz, Brethren Navajo Mission, Counselor, New Mexico 87018.

Taos, New Mexico–Adult and children's clothing. Parcel Post–Rev. Robert Salazar, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico via Santa Fe, New Mexico 87571;

Dryhill, Kentucky–Parcel Post–Mr. Marvin Lowery, Clayhole Brethren Church, Clayhole, Kentucky 41317. Express–Rev. Sewell Landrum, Clayhole Brethren Church, Jackson, Kentucky 41339.

9. That each local president or representative attend each district meeting and national WMC conference, her council aiding in expenses, if at all possible, for the latter.

10. That all local and district councils use *Brethren* talent when available and support *Brethren* works.

11. That each council purchase and encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590:

Does Anyone Here Know God by Gladys Hunt
Missionary Wife and Her Work by Joy Turner Tuggy
The Bamboo Cross by Homer Dowdy

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES–

1. Each district is encouraged to recognize those reading the entire Bible within a year.

2. The district president will promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.

3. Each district will sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the national first vice-president, Mrs. Richard Placeway, 540 Randall Rd., Elyria, Ohio 44038, to avoid duplication. Each district has the privilege of keeping it within the district.

4. All district offerings for national Brethren works shall be sent to the WMC financial secretary-treasurer.

5. Each district shall contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the Brethren foreign missionary residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the National WMC financial secretary-treasurer by June 30 and used as the committee in charge sees the need.

6. Each district president will receive the local annual statistical reports and will compile the district statistical report to be sent to the national secretary by July 20.

7. Each district president will stress the importance of using the Brethren WMC program packets and achieving our goals and recommendations in the local council to foster unity among us.

8. Every district to be represented on the national board at national conference by the president or alternate. It is suggested that expenses, wholly or in part, be paid by the district.

9. A four-minute written achievement report to be given by the district president at the national board meeting. Retiring president to be responsible for it.

10. SMM will be recognized on the district WMC conference program. Each district WMC will give financial assistance, if possible, so that its district SMM patroness and/or president may attend national conference.

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Laymen's Page

The National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen

Harold Jones, Editor

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CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS

Average attendance for the laymen's sessions at national conference was 91. Total offerings amounted to $346.50. Fred Peters led the singing, and Russell Enzor was pianist. District presidents led in the devotional sessions each day—Robert W. Sunthimer, Ralph Grady, James Knepper and Ora Skiles.

Recommendations passed by the men at the business sessions included the following: District elections be held so that the new laymen's officers may assume their responsibilities on July 1 each year. A page be purchased in the *Herald* each two months. Dr. Glenn Baker and Dr. Lloyd Fish to serve with the ministers on the committee studying the Message of the Brethren Ministry.

NOTICE

Men, district officers, and pastors are asked to forward all news on men's activities to the new Laymen's Page editor, Harold Jones, Box 621, Galion, Ohio 44833. (Telephone area 419, 468-3306.) Enclose pictures whenever possible. Let's have a good Laymen's Page with news from Brethren men across the nation.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT OFFICERS

The Allegheny District laymen's organization has elected new officers for 1968-69; President, Mr. E. A. Kelley; Vice-President, Robert Riffle; Secretary-Treasurer, James Lunden; Boys Advisor, Robert Smith. The new ministerial advisors are to be named later.

MEMBERSHIP

Every man sending one dollar or more to the national treasurer, Fred Peters, to support the National Fellowship of Brethren Men will receive a membership card. This can be done on an individual, individual church, or district wide basis.

JACKSON ELECTED LAYMEN'S PRESIDENT

At the laymen's meetings at our recent National Conference, the following officers were elected to serve for 1968-69: President, Lt. Ed Jackson, 85 Central Ave., Westerville, Ohio 43081; Vice-President, George Wilhelm, 7 Karen Court, Camp Hill, Pa. 17011; Secretary, Millard S. Speece,



Ed Jackson

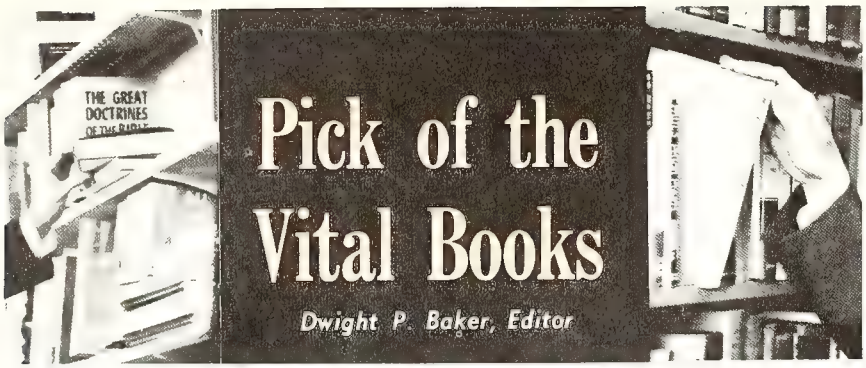
976 Kenosha Road, Kettering, Ohio 45429; Assistant Secretary, Russell Enzor, 2295 Millsboro Road East, Mansfield, Ohio 44906; Treasurer, Fred Peters, 1022 Arch St., Ashland, Ohio 44805; Assistant Treasurer, Marlin Rose, Box 662, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590; Editor, Harold E. Jones, P.O. Box 621, Galion, Ohio 44833.

President Ed Jackson is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Worthington, Ohio. At the church he serves as deacon, captain of the Christian Service Brigade, and is a member of the building committee. In the past, he has held other offices in Brethren churches, such as moderator, Sunday school teacher, and youth director.

Lieutenant Jackson is employed in the Identification Section of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

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Music Director's Planbook

LeRoy McClard, editor (Nashville, Tennessee: Convention Press, 1968), 80 pages, paper, $2.50.

Planning of some kind is necessary for an effective and well-rounded music ministry in the local church. This attractive planbook is as complete and adaptable as any I have seen. Featured are (1) guides for planning the church music program for a year; (2) monthly plan sheets with suggestions for resource material and discussions pertaining to church music at levels from primary grades to adult groups; (3) weekly agendas for an entire year beginning with October, 1968; and (4) hints on establishing, conducting, expanding, and improving the church's music program.

This loose-leaf planbook has a durable spiral binding which permits it to lie open easily. All suggested materials are Southern Baptist publications which are readily usable in other evangelical denominations. For its format, suggestions, and completeness it is well worth the small price tag.—*William Schaffer, Jr.*

Escape From Reason

Francis A. Schaeffer (London: Inter-Varsity Fellowship, 1968), 96 pages, paper, $.95.

Dr. Schaeffer lucidly and concisely traces the origins and development of modern thought. Starting with Thomas Aquinas, he shows how the Renaissance thinkers erred in believing the Fall affected all of man *except* his intellect. And from the premise that man, by the use of reason alone, could discover true answers to the "big questions," man traveled the road to ultimate pessimism. For today, modern man has discovered that the use of reason alone leads inevitably to the conclusion that there just are no answers. There are no standards, no absolutes, no truth. Faith becomes irrational.

Modern thought is separated into two divisions—with no common point of reference. The lower division, the rational thinking of modern science, leads to despair, since it cannot offer solutions to the basic problems of existence. Therefore, since men *need* answers, since men want significance, they must make the "great leap" into the upper level, from rationality to irrationality. This leap becomes man's faith. Thus, when Tillich talks of the "God behind God," he is insisting on the complete nondefinition of the first God. His God can be anything you think Him to be, or nothing.

This book will be a great help to anyone who wants to communicate the Gospel in terms that modern man can understand.—*Austin Robbins*

To Live in Love

Eileen Guder (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 1967), 192 pages, $3.95.

The author tells stories and gives descriptions that speak of our fears, our loneliness, our family problems, our child-raising perplexities, and then provides the solutions as set forth in the Scriptures. Mrs. Guder puts the "how" of a Christian's love life into this book. She shows that when we have done all we can, when we have spoken and acted the best we can, there comes a time when we can do no more, except for one thing: we can love.

When I finished Mrs. Guder's book, I felt that I had just enjoyed a refreshing visit with a dear friend who is wise and experienced in the knowledge of the Scriptures and has an ability to share this knowledge with other Christians.—*Nina M. Turner*

You! Jonah!

Thomas J. Carlisle (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1968), 64 pages, paper, $1.00.

"I was so obsessed
with what was going on
inside the whale
that I missed
seeing the drama
inside Jonah."

The theme of this book of poems is "the drama inside Jonah."

"Jonah talked back to God—

"I hate God's enemies
with perfect hatred.
Why can't God
do as much?

"He couldn't—he wouldn't
—believe repentance could
ever be real.
So he moaned and he
groaned
since he failed to conceive
the love that God
asked him to feel."

But why multiply excerpts, when you can read the whole book in less than an hour? And if it stirs you as much as it does me, it will be worth your while.—*Floyd W. Taber*

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Here Come the Men!



Here come the men; laymen from all parts of the world. Some are young, just getting established as heads of households, and in various life activities. Others are middle-aged, struggling to make it big, or to keep their heads above water in the turbulent sea of life. Then there are those on the sunset side. Among them are many who are excitedly happy in "the last of life for which the first was made"; some who have admitted defeat and are just waiting.

There is nothing too unusual about the fact that these men are moving across the stage of life; the thing that can be unusual is their potential for the Lord. God needs men. First, men in salvation; men who will accept Him as Saviour and Lord. Then men who will dedicate themselves completely to Him for His service.

There are encouragements. A good example has been set by outstanding laymen at home and abroad as they have made individual accomplishments, and as they have banded together in official organizations to work as a group. Included here are Brethren laymen. Brethren laymen are on the move. They are strengthening their organization, thus expanding their outreach. They are becoming more involved in the work of the Lord. Evidence of this was seen at the recent national conference, and can now be seen in their goals and programs.

Let us commend and encourage our laymen. They deserve the fullest cooperation of all segments of the denomination, particularly as they continue to strengthen their local, district, and national organizations, and as they enlarge the outreach of the Christian fellowship with fellow laymen. It is good to see them taking their place in the offices and work of the church. Their sponsorship of many worthy projects is appreciated. And the bringing into existence of various district periodicals to keep their membership informed is great. Their close relationship with the boys' work and with the soul-winning ministry of the Board of Evangelism are gratifying.

Christ worked with laymen when He was here on earth. Outstanding men of God have been raised up to carry on this work over the years. May our men continue to make themselves available to do His work today and in the future! ▼

HOME MISSIONS EYES '69
NEEDS · BY LESTER PIFER

STEPPING OUT ON FAITH



IE BIBLE gives clear evidence of the road that mission boards must travel. To plan for present needs, future expansions and increased operational costs, there must be a strong motivation of faith in God and His promises. To care for 50 mission points, 122 mission personnel and general oversight and promotion of this missionary extension organization takes a lot of time, talent and funds.

Stepping out upon the promises of God is not mere presumption or recklessness. It is in harmony with the Word of God for the child of God, His church and its adjuncts. The Bible says, ". . . without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). The exercise of faith is a necessity for the favor of God. That intrinsic faith must be in the reality and ability of God. We must see God as a real and abundant provider for every need which man faces, action which correlates with our message.

The Board of Directors of The Brethren Home Missions Council carefully and prayerfully weighed our program of evangelism for this coming year. In the face of severe spiraling inflation we foresee increased operational and salary costs. Every tangible item we use costs more today than a year ago. New opportunities constantly give us the Macedonian call. In 1967 we entered the State of Georgia with our first church in Atlanta. In 1968 we have taken a new work in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, thus entering another new state. In 1969 we anticipate entering Alaska, Nevada, and North Carolina. To place our first missionary in Alaska even on a partial self support basis will cost approximately $7,000. Salaries, necessary building appropriations, operational and promotional costs produce an anticipated minimum budget of $350,000. To retire our deficit and offset further inflationary costs we ought to have $400,000. We believe in the promise of God, ". . . my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). In faith, we believe that God's people will respond to God's direction and will provide this need. Therefore, the Brethren Home Missions' program for 1969 is in the hands of God waiting for His provision.

Is Brethren Home Missions a faith organization? We have no other creed than the Word of God. We have no means of coercion to force any person, church, or organization to support this ministry. We believe God. We believe in Brethren people and their willingness to stand with our missionaries in this vital work. We know that God will not fail in answering prayer and supplying the needs.

We have seen four home mission church buildings finished and dedicated already this year. Two more are under construction. Three churches have gone self-supporting. Three are anticipated to take this step of faith in '69. Rev. Herman Hein will go to Alaska in midsummer of '69. Two new works now in the embryonic stage in Nevada and North Carolina will demand missionaries before the end of '69. Other new fields are beckoning. We can only advance as God supplies. What a challenge to be a part of God's supply chain to help evangelize with the precious Gospel of His beloved Son!

More than anything else our Board of Directors, staff and mission personnel desire to know that God's people are praying for His work, for the dissemination of the Word of God, for His servants, and for the needs of all these fields. "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps. 119:130). "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach" (Rom. 10:8). The power of God's Word under the direction and motivation of the Holy Spirit cannot be shackled by inactivity and faithlessness. We must move as God moves—ever forward in a ministry of reconciliation, evangelizing a needy nation with the Gospel of Christ. ▼

On Sunday, September 1, 1968, the Grace Brethren Church of Jackson, Michigan, broke ground for an "up-to-date" church building on the site of an "outdated" one-room school building. The first shovel of dirt was turned at about 3:15 p.m. as Pastor Gilbert Hawkins used the traditional chrome-plated shovel from Brethren Home Missions. Following the pastor a number of other members of the church took their turn. From the start of the service a heavy cloud hung over the area and with the breaking of ground came a "break" in the sky and the rain drops began to fall. This sent everyone scurrying for shelter inside the old one-room school building. It literally became a shelter in the time of storm.

Rev. Randall Poyner, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Lansing, was the dedication speaker and also provided the special music. It was at this point that the action shifted from the shovel outside to the pulpit inside and we were challenged by a message from the Word. Rev. Charles Flowers of Alto and laymen from other Michigan churches provided a good district representation. In addition to the local and district members were two representatives from the national office at Winona Lake, Indiana; Mr. Kenneth Rucker of the Brethren Investment Foundation and Mr. Frank J. Poland of The Brethren Home Missions Council.

The Grace Brethren Church of Jackson was started in the fall of 1961 and it began in our home. After about two years the Blackman Township Hall was secured and used for the following two years. The church then leased for one year the old one-room "outdated" school building located at 4100 Clinton Road. At the end of the one-year lease, the church undertook the purchase of the school property containing about two acres.

The average attendance at the time the property was leased was in the twenties. Now the membership alone stands at 49 and the attendances are averaging higher. This growth has taken place in answer to prayer in a school building—ironic in these days when prayer in the public school has been outlawed by our Supreme Court.

This new "up-to-date" building, a phase of a ten-year building program, was designed by the Brethren Architectural Service of The Brethren Home Missions Council. It will be colonial style of frame construction with partial brick facing. It is designed to accommodate full brick veneering at a later date. The cost is to approximate $35,000 with a considerable amount of volunteer labor from the local and district areas. The construction is underway and expected occupation is planned for early spring. The present "outdated" school will remain intact for additional educational facilities.



Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Hawkins

The building site is in the midst of new housing developments. We anticipate that in a few short years the church will be surrounded by new homes and when this takes place the old school building will have to go. In the meantime, other phases of the church building program will have been completed to provide the necessary facilities for a Sunday school of over 200 which can be cared for with our first unit and the old school building.

The Jackson work has been one of self-support from the very beginning up to this time. The Brethren Home Missions Council has given supervision and the Michigan district has given moral support at all times. With the beginning of a building program the district is now coming to the aid of the work with a building appropriation and also some salary support. Likewise, The Brethren Home Missions Council is placing Jackson in their budget for 1969 to provide salary assistance.

Much seed has been sown in the Jackson area and the last two years have been a season of harvesting. We have seen about 50 people come to Christ during this time. Of course, some of these have moved to other cities, but this response has led to the need for more facilities. The people here have prayed, visited, and worked faithfully. They have taught the Word of God in Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. They have worked with inadequate equipment, under difficult circumstances, in an unattractive building, and this *September 1, 1968* was truly a long-awaited day and one looked forward to with real enthusiasm. This was the day ground was broken for an "up-to-date" building to eventually replace the "outdated" school building in Jackson, Michigan. ▼



The original group when it began in the Hawkins home.

REPLACING THE ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

WITH AN UP-TO-DATE CHURCH

By Gilbert Hawkins



Our Doorbell Rang



One Friday afternoon while I was alone in our apartment, the doorbell rang. Believing it to be my husband, I opened the door wide, and there stood a lady with a big smile who said, "Avon calling." I noticed that she was neatness personified, from the top of her head down to her toes—really, a good representative for her company. Being a fan of Avon products, I immediately invited her in. She told me the tenant before us was a good customer of hers and she took a chance today to see if a new tenant had arrived. After introductions, we talked for a time and in the course of our conversation I found she had been born in Poland but had left before the trouble there; she discovered we had just moved from Ohio and that my husband was a minister. She was quite taken with the fact that we were new in California and she was one of the first to call on us. During our conversation she disclosed that she was Jewish. Before I could give her an order, she leaned forward on our couch and very confidentially asked me, "Dearie, do you know you have moved into a Jewish neighborhood?" I suppressed any visible signs of amusement over this classic information and answered, "Yes, I know." (How well we know, because we have been placed here in order to study their habits, and so on.) She seemed rather surprised at my answer but I very calmly looked through the pages of the order book, waiting for the next question. It did not come. Instead, we discussed our husbands, and as she started to leave she said, "I would very much like to meet your husband," to which I replied, "I would be most happy to have you do this."

Three weeks later, the bell rang as I was dressing for a WMC meeting. My husband answered the door and then informed me the Avon lady had come. As I entered our living room, I found the two chatting as if they were old friends. When I sat down, our lady hastened to inform me that I had a very smart husband, and much to her astonishment, I readily agreed she was right. After paying for our order and ordering some other supplies, I had to excuse myself explaining about our meeting and that I must continue dressing. However, I told her not to hurry off but to feel free to talk with my husband. It did not take long for John to get around to spiritual things with this lady because she informed us she liked to talk about religion and politics. They had a good discussion with John doing most of the talking this time. When I came back into the room I found she had been so wrapped up in what my husband was saying that she had forgotten to write up our order. So, after a few laughs about this, she left. However, before she left, she told us she would like to talk further when we had more time. It was then we found that she did not drive and her husband, after working all day, would drive her to her appointments, sit in the car and wait—a pretty patient man, we think. We both agreed this would be a good call back for one of our afternoons.

A perfect opportunity to witness.

By Sally Neely

The next week we decided to call on our Mrs. A. and after consulting with Mr. Button, we picked out a piece of literature which would help her and possibly make her desire to learn more of our Lord Jesus. When we arrived at her apartment, my husband handed her the book and she was very much surprised to think this was for her. But, we did not get by the door. Another two weeks went by and we decided to call again to see how the reading was coming. This time we were greeted with delight and invited in. Perhaps the fact she had just spent some time in the hospital for an operation opened the door to a minister and his wife. We said she should have let us know she had gone to the hospital. Asking us what good that would have done, we informed her we could have had prayer and even visited her in order to give some comfort. This set her back on her chair for awhile and then she said, "Would you have really prayed for me?" Convincing her of this, she hastened on to say what wonderful people we were who would not be too busy to do this. Then, a conversation on spiritual things began. She did most of the talking this time. We have never heard such confusion as what this lady believes or doesn't believe. Why does God allow wars? Why does He allow such evil things? If He is God, why doesn't He stop it? As we *tried* to answer each question, I say, tried, because I do not believe we ever got a chance to finish one statement, she began bombarding us with questions about something else.

Then, her husband came in from work and she introduced us as, "The couple I was telling you about who have something." I knew he was watching us and decided this is where we will be asked to leave. He sat down, listened for awhile, then joined in our conversation. We found instead of an enemy, we had a friend. He asked questions, intelligent ones, and after an hour, we decided to leave. We invited this couple to our Wednesday night Bible class. To this they said they would think about coming. The wife was all for attending because according to her, she wants to learn everything she can. As she said later, "As long as I have ears, I will listen and learn something." We rest upon the promise that faith cometh by hearing. *(Continued on page 10)*

"As long as she keeps ringing the doorbell ..."

Our Doorbell Rang

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This lady has been in our home several times since and the conversation has always turned to spiritual things. Recently she was here, and this time her husband came in after awhile and again we had a discussion. How excitable our little saleslady is and how deaf to the things of our Lord and His Word. Her husband is much more reasonable about this, although he shows no signs of acceptance either, but we know God says His Word will not return unto Him void but will accomplish the purpose to which it is sent. They have not been at our Bible class as yet, but have mentioned it to another customer so they must think it worthwhile.

Pray for these two who have come right to our door. Pray that she will forget these questions and just admit she is a sinner and needs a Saviour, who is the Messiah, our Lord Jesus. Pray that he will realize that Messiah has come and was the One who was born in Bethlehem so many years ago. Pray for us who deal with these Jewish friends, that we might have the wisdom which comes from above. When she first rang our bell, she said she took a chance to see if a new tenant had arrived. However, we believe, the Lord brought her to our door. As long as she keeps ringing our bell there will always be the opportunity of reaching this dear one and her husband with the Gospel of the saving grace of Messiah Jesus. ▼



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A Great Day for Elmer!

The Brethren Home Missions Council Board of Directors and staff took time out of a busy schedule of board meetings on Wednesday, August 7, 1968, to pay tribute to Mr. Elmer Tamkin who had served so faithfully in the Brethren Investment Foundation for eleven years before being laid aside by a stroke.

A special "coffee break" on this day included Mr. and Mrs. Tamkin. Instead of the coffee, punch and a special cake for the occasion were served. Then followed three presentations to Mr. Tamkin: a plaque, a reclining chair, and a framed scroll with all the signatures of the board of directors and office staff.

Mr. Tamkin, a government employee in the Internal Revenue Department for nearly thirty-five years, retired early to become the first financial secretary of the Brethren Investment Foundation. He served in the B.I.F. from November 1956 to November 1967. He entered the hospital for surgery in November and on December 3, 1967 suffered the stroke that partially paralyzed his body and has terminated his ministry for the B.I.F.

The board of directors at its annual spring board meeting voted Mr. Tamkin Financial Secretary Emeritus and Mr. Kenneth Rucker, the assistant secretary, became Financial Secretary.

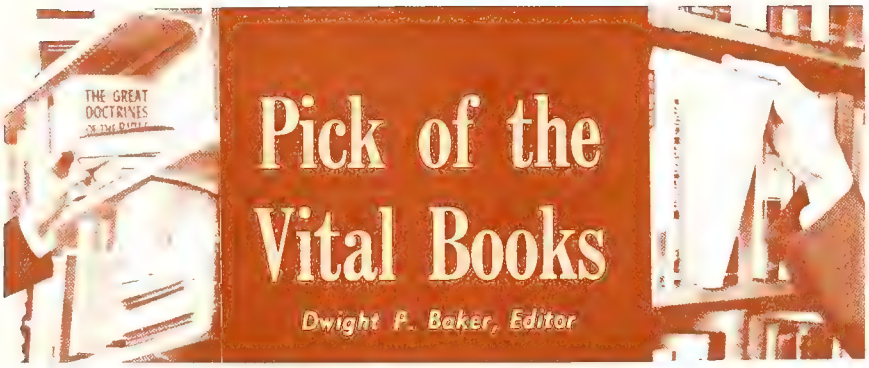
Mr. Tamkin enjoyed his day very much and took it in stride as he always did on every other occasion. His dedication, faith and smiling countenance were a constant example to all of our mission staff. His years of service in the Brethren Investment Foundation were of inestimable value in formulating and establishing this mission phase of the home mission work. The board of directors, staff and corporation members far and near join in thanking you, Brother Tamkin, for a "mission accomplished." Your prayers for the Tamkins are greatly appreciated. ▼



Mr. Tamkin relaxing in his new chair.

Rev. Lester E. Pifer (right) presenting plaque to Mr. Tamkin. Mrs. Tamkin is in the background.





Born to Climb

Dick Hillis (Waco, Texas: Word Books, 1967), 157 pages, $3.50.

Dick Hillis introduces twenty men and women, most of them our contemporaries, who have "climbed and conquered." Their names appear in evangelical missions circles and their faces are familiar in conference brochures. Now their lives can be seen in brief summary aside from platform appearances.

What kind of people are they? The author wants the reader to see them as ordinary men from a diversity of life styles in recent American and British evangelical culture. Their common denominators include encounter with God's claims on their lives, sorting through circumstances toward some personal patterns of response, participation in the spread of the Gospel to some world area in this thing called "missions," and becoming leaders or renowned men through this process.

Guidance from God, the perennial search for sure signs and "deciding straws," underlies the vignette of each person. The focus is on the *circumstances* more than the mind and heart of God. In the few pages allotted to each, we can observe fellow Christians living real lives, making real decisions—and some mistakes.

The book will be primarily useful to high schoolers and Bible college students who are involved in "the search for guidance." It is easy reading, with a combination of first person quotations (apparently gleaned through interview) and some third person descriptions of these lives. How these people were chosen for inclusion in the series isn't suggested. Neither does Dick Hillis explain why he chose to tell the story of his twin brother, Don, in the first chapter and his own in the last chapter. Climbers?—*Evan Adams*

Men Who Made Missions

Leon McBeth (Nashville, Tennessee: Broadman Press, 1968), 128 pages, $1.50.

This small book gives a brief biographical sketch of nine soldiers of the cross, beginning with the third-century Gregory and ending with the Baptist, Adoniram Judson. It includes the Catholic Xavier, whose missionary endeavors included the translation of the Ave Maria as well as the Lord's Prayer.

Those who read the book will probably wonder for what age it was intended. The cover is juvenile, but the vocabulary and style are much too heavy for young readers. In fact, the book is a bit too complicated for the young, and a bit too sketchy for those whose background would enable them to read it with ease.—*Doris Julien*

The Silent Thousands Suddenly Speak!

Charles E. Blair (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1968), 149 pages, $3.95.

Here is a volume of sermons on subjects which are of utmost importance today. It poses questions asked by saved and unsaved, then answers them in a straightforward manner. This book will bring salvation to the unsaved, assurance to the unsure, and edification to the child of God.—*George F. Wilhelm*

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Key to the Prison

Louise A. Vernon (Scottdale, Pennsylvania: Herald Press, 1968), 141 pages $2.50.

Ideal for children and young people, Louise Vernon's story is set in the time of George Fox. The account moves along quickly and holds one's interest. —*Dolores Flanigan*

The Sword and the Trowel

James D. Murch (Glendale, California: G/L Regal Books, 1968), 144 pages, paper, $.95.

Using selected passages from the Prophets, as well as Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, and the Psalms, this book qualifies as an excellent daily devotional and study workbook. Because of its necessary brevity and its lack of depth I would not recommend it for use as a Sunday school course or as a basic tool in inductive Bible study. An example of inexact facts is the identification of Nebuchadnezzar as the king of Assyria (page 19).

A fine feature of this book is the inclusion of questions, with space for written answers. Another feature is the contemporary problem posed at the end of each of the thirteen chapters. The application of Old Testament events to current problems is excellent. I have seen no finer use of Old Testament material in devotional aids.—*Jerry Young*

Marriage Is for Living

A symposium by various authors. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1968), 157 pages, paper, $1.95.

This book contains a series of marital case histories. These stories were first printed in the magazine *Faith At Work.*

I see no value in the book as an aid in solving marital troubles, as it presents neither the real problem nor the real solution. It could easily foster a confused perspective on marital problems.—*Alice Peer*

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THE JEWISH MINISTRY

THE MINISTRIES OF BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS

The Brethren Messianic Testimony, the ministry of the Brethren Home Missions Council to the Jewish people, had its beginnings in 1950 under the direction of Rev. Bruce L. Button.

The work of the Brethren Messianic Testimony is based on a home visitation program. A portion of each day is given to house-to-house calling. Whenever possible, a discussion about Jesus the Messiah is carried on and a copy of the mission's paper, *The Mediator,* is left.

Other programs of the Brethren Messianic Testimony include the Wednesday Evening Bible Class and the Monday Girls. A special ministry for the blind is also carried on and includes the Monday Evening Bible Class for the Blind and the Day Meeting for Jewish Blind.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN MINISTRY

Near the north central part of New Mexico, just twenty miles from historic Santa Fe lies the artist's center of Taos.

The Brethren missionary endeavor among the Spanish people of the Taos valley dates back to 1946 when an independent work was accepted by the Brethren Home Missions Council.

Sunday services as well as daily programs entitled "Chapel Time" are broadcast over KKIT in Taos; a station that reaches over 25,000 people.

One of the outstanding missionary programs has been the VBS which covers many outlying areas.





The Brethren Home Mission testimony among the Navajos was started by Miss Dorothy Dunbar in 1948. In 1949 the first building was under construction, financed by Brethren Minute-Men.

Presently, the mission staff has increased from one to fifteen. New buildings and equipment have been added with much help from the national WMC and SMM and special projects. A boarding school was started which now numbers over 70, graded from preschool to grade 8.

There is a ministry to the adult Navajo as well. This includes a consistent visitation program, and public services in which Mr. Lee Trujillo, the Navajo pastor proclaims the message of God in the native tongue. The mission also maintains a medical dispensary operated by a registered nurse.

Mr. Larry Wedertz is superintendent of the Brethren Navajo Mission work.

THE NAVAJO MINISTRY

THE MINISTRY OF NEW BRETHREN CHURCHES



The paramount reason for new Brethren churches is to reach the lost souls of America. To do an effective job, it is necessary to provide new groups with some help in establishing a church. This can be exploratory work, consultation, financing, locating property, securing personnel, organization, or many other items.

The ministry of these new churches is far-reaching. It broadens the base of support of the foreign missions program; it increases the potential for students in Grace College and Seminary; it provides a greater constituency for the distribution of literature, supplies and *Brethren Missionary Herald.*

THE KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN MINISTRY

Kentucky missions under the Brethren Home Missions Council began in 1939. Rev. Sewell Landrum, the first pastor, served twenty years and after a short leave of absence returned as pastor of the Clayhole Brethren Church.

To increase the Kentucky ministry, Miss Evelyn Fuqua began a work at Dryhill in 1950 where Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lowery are now serving.



THE METHOD OF BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL



The work of home missions is guided by a board of directors whose job is to approve policy and give direction. The Rev. John Aeby is president of the board.

The main offices for the council are located in Winona Lake, Indiana, where the Rev. Lester Pifer serves as executive secretary.

Mr. Frank Poland is the Winona Lake office manager and is aided in his task by a group of dedicated office workers.

Overseeing the western branch of the council from the Midwest district westward is the Rev. Robert Thompson. The western office of the home missions council is located in Westminster, California.

BRETHREN CONSTRUCTION CREWS

The Brethren Construction Company was born out of a burden to see Brethren home mission dollars stretched to the extreme limit. With so many opportunities and so few dollars to do the job a missionary builders group was formed to build Brethren churches, and called the Brethren Construction Company. Laymen with building experience and talent would be working on a missionary salary basis. It would be advantageous to use all the volunteer labor any church could provide, thus savings in labor could run into thousands of dollars.

The first project with the Brethren construction crew began in 1952 and now (1968) a total of new churches, additions and other mission buildings completed exceeds 30.

Mr. Don Sellers who joined the crew in its beginning days is the present superintendent. More than a score of Brethren lay families have assisted in its work.

Another tremendous advantage of the crew is their spiritual ministry in providing Sunday school teachers, VBS workers, child evangelism classes and other ministries. Pray for this important area of Brethren Home Missions.





BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION

In this society of commercialism the church normally finds it difficult to develop by borrowing from their local lending institutions. Thus the Brethren Investment Foundation has met the need by providing funds from depositors who desire that their money be loaned through the foundation to these churches. In turn, these depositors receive a good income on their investment and have the opportunity to help in the building of new Brethren churches. These investments take on added meaning in "eternal dividends."

The Lord has blessed the foundation in a wonderful way and we are now approaching $8 million.

BRETHREN ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE

The Brethren Architectural Service was established initially to help new Brethren churches by providing professional services in planning and constructing new church facilities. The department has expanded until services are now provided for many established Brethren churches and even other evangelical churches.

Complete professional services are available from studying a church's needs to include preliminary planning, designing, preparation of working drawings and specifications, and construction supervision. Services are provided on a fee basis at a minimum cost to the local church.



THE MESSAGE OF BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS

The Brethren Home Missions Council since its inception in 1939 has determined to build active Brethren churches declaring the whole council of God. In a day when within and without the church the Word of God is being brought into question, we believe in building God's church upon a Biblical foundation. The home mission and church extension effort must be in the direction of a Bible-believing and-teaching church.

Our Lord laid a solemn responsibility upon us to evangelize those about us (Acts 1:8). Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with His power, home missionaries and their congregations endeavor to reach the lost for Christ. We believe in sharing the powerful message of the Gospel (Rom. 1:16) with men, women, and children to bring them to Christ for eternal salvation. Our goal is to build a soul-winning church.

God's program is to reach a whole world for Christ (II Cor. 5:19). Our missionary vision must be in line with His purpose (John 3:16). Therefore, we must build missionary-minded churches with worldwide vision (Mark 16:15).

The directors, staff, and total mission personnel are dedicated to building the self-sustaining, self-governing church. We are burdened to reach the Negro, the Navajo, the minority groups, the migrant, the mountain people, the inner and the upper city, the urban, or suburban—all for Christ (II Cor. 5:18-21).

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Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

GRACE SCHOOLS

PRAY for the annual missionary conference in both schools during the week of November 18-22.

PRAY that the seminary Thanksgiving vacation during the week of November 22 to December 3 may prove to be restful and profitable.

PRAY for the college homecoming activities, November 28-30, that a deeper interest in the college may result.

PRAY that the new properties recently acquired from the Winona Lake Christian Assembly may prove to be a real blessing.

PRAY for a continued deepening of the spiritual lives of all students upon Grace campus.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the new home mission staff member, Rev. Sherwood Durkee, who will be assuming the responsibility as promotional co-ordinator.

PRAY for the relocation of the Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Oregon, which involves the sale of the present location.

PRAY for the new building program at Jackson, Michigan; the finishing of the building program at Lexington; and also the beginning of the building program at Minerva, Ohio.

PRAY for the newly added home mission points of Ripon, California; Myerstown, Pennsylvania; Greensburg, Pennsylvania; and the new Bible class getting underway at Las Vegas, Nevada.

PRAY for the Thanksgiving home missions emphasis to continue throughout the year.

LAYMEN

PRAY for the laymen as they work through their pastor to develop more of an interest toward the Brigade work.

PRAY that by the 1969 national conference we may see twice as many churches which have brigade groups.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

PRAY for the director of Evangelism, Bill Smith, as he conducts a district soul-winning conference in Mansfield, Ohio, November 13-17.

PRAY for the ministry of Evangelist Scott Weaver as he has crusade meetings in Dayton, Ohio (First Brethren) November 10-17, and Limestone, Tenn. November 24-December 1.

PRAISE the Lord for the keen and continued interest throughout our churches in reaching souls for Jesus Christ.

PRAY for our men as they have a heavy schedule of speaking and traveling during the winter months.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

PRAY for increased prayer and moral support for our young men in the service.

PRAISE the Lord for opportunities which have opened for chaplains and enlisted men to labor with evangelical mission works in various sections of the world.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY that every Sunday school may involve every person brought into their schools through the Enlargement Campaign.

PRAY that churches may use every agency of Christian education in evangelizing their communities, particularly SMM and Christian Service Brigade approaches.

PRAY for the renewed activity of the Brethren Student Life Volunteers—BSLV program recently inaugurated.

PRAY for Brethren students in many colleges across our nation.

PRAY that every church may become involved in a Christian worker's training program during the early part of 1969.

PRAY for the financial needs of the Christian Education Department.

PRAY for "Youth Week" programming now being finalized and put into the mails.

WMC

PRAY for WMC women, that more time will be given to prayer and Bible reading.

PRAY for our WMC ladies as they witness to others.

PRAY that all the women in our churches may become active in their local WMC.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAY that BMH Books may be able to publish some books in the near future from the excellent manuscripts under consideration.

PRAISE the Lord for great interest in and usefulness of the salvation tract *Have You Heard About God's Gift?* Pray for God's blessing upon the new Spanish edition.

PRAISE the Lord for the expanding number of subscriptions to the *Missionary Herald.* Pray for the magazine as it goes into homes around the world.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY that God will reveal His will and His place of service to students graduating from our Bible institutes in both Africa and Argentina this month.

PRAY that the hearts of many young people will be challenged for the work of foreign missions through the World Missions Fellowship conference to be held November 18-22 at Grace College and Seminary.

PRAY for the various new missionaries who are deep in language study in Brazil, France, and Africa, that they will make excellent progress in acquiring this very necessary tool for their labors on the mission field.

PRAY for wisdom from the Lord concerning places, personnel, and dates for the summer literature crusade in Argentina.

SMM

PRAISE the Lord for the growth and forward steps taken in SMM during the past year.

PRAY for your local, district, and national SMM patronesses and officers this year that they will be able to lead us in an even greater year in SMM.

PRAY that each SMM girl will plan and work to complete her Mary, Martha, and honor or personal goals this year.

Church News

KENT, WASH. A ministerial overnight retreat was enjoyed Sept. 13-14 by the pastors of the Northwest District at the church camp site, Camp Clear Lake. Also, a district enlargement campaign of the Sunday schools of the Northwest District is being sponsored by the district Sunday school committee in which churches are being paired by the size and conditions. It began Oct. 6, and will continue until Nov. 2.



FORT BELVOIR, VA. Shown at right above is lst Lt. Dean L. Reuter receiving the Army Commendation Medal from Col. Alfred L. Griebling, Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Engineer Officer Candidate Regiment. The medal and citation were presented for meritorius service in several assignments in Korea. The citation read in part: "Assigned as Battalion Executive Officer, Lt. Reuter displayed admirable tact and professional competence in this position, normally occupied by a major . . . he insured the high level of combat and meteriel readiness . . . Lt. Reuter's outstanding initiative, diligence, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself, the 7th Infantry Division, and the United States Army." Lt. Reuter has had a vibrant Christian testimony, assisting in the chapel services wherever he has been stationed, and has been instrumental in leading a number of men to Christ. He is a member of the First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif., where Don Furrow is pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Mr. Albert Smith has accepted the position of principal of the Phoenix Grace Brethren School. Mr. Smith was formerly employed by the Charles Pfizer Co., for 19 years. The day school at Phoenix includes classes from kindergarten through the eighth grade with an enrollment of 464 this year. Joe K. Coppinger, pastor.

HARRISBURG, PA. On Sunday, Sept. 15, there were nine decisions, of which five were first time, at the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church. On the same day, 13 were baptized. Earle E. Peer, pastor.

MINISTERS' RETREAT. The ministers of the Allegheny and East Districts experienced joint blessing from the Lord in a spiritual retreat Sept. 17-18. Dr. Orville D. Jobson was the inspirational speaker at the meeting held at Sunshine Mountain Bible Camp grounds near the Pennsylvania-Maryland state line. Cooks for the occasion were Ralph Burns, Don Rough, and Kenneth Koontz. Layman Frank Poland, office manager for The Brethren Home Missions Council, took advantage of an invitation to share the blessings between speaking engagements for home missions.

NORWALK, CALIF. The Norwalk Brethren Church has recently issued a unanimous call to Rev. W. Stanley Jensen to be its new pastor. Rev. Jensen began his ministry here Oct. 1. Pastor Howard Mayes has accepted the call to become the first pastor of the new home mission church in Ripon, Calif., and will also be starting there Oct. 1.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The First Brethren Church is beginning a new evangelism emphasis with personal evangelism classes each Monday night for the month of September and the first part of October. On Oct. 28, the church will launch a new evangelism-visitation program. M. L. Myers, pastor.

CHANGES. The new address of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Mayes is 1151 7th St., Ripon, Calif. 95366. All mail for Ripon Grace Brethren Church should also be sent to the above address. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Kern, 460 Brenda Dr., Mansfield, Ohio 44907. Rev. and Mrs. Dean Walter, R. R. 1, Hollidaysburg, Pa. 16648. Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Meyer, R. R. 1, Hardy, Va. 24101. Please change your *Annual.*

MAITLAND, FLA. Pastor Herman W. Koontz reports that 213 persons were present for their church dedication service on Sept. 22. Rev. Lester E. Pifer was the dedication speaker. Total offerings for the day amounted to $2,392.24.

OMAHA, NEBR. On Tuesday, Sept. 17, the members of the Grace Brethren Bible Church had a surprise food shower for Pastor and Mrs. Merlin D. Berkey. Since Mrs. Berkey's birthday just happened to fall on that same day, it was a double treat. The food shower was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McMasters. Merlin Berkey, pastor.

KENT, WASH. Pastor Philip Simmons officiated at the funeral of Mr. Bernard L. Woolman, father of Prof. Lloyd Woolman, director of athletics at Grace College. Mr. Woolman passed away on Sept. 10 in Seattle, Wash. On Sept. 15, Prof. Woolman was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church of Kent.

SINKING SPRING, OHIO. Rev. J. Paul Reno has assumed the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church here. His address is Box 55, Sinking Spring, Ohio 45172.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Flora, Ind.	Oct. 20-27	Robert Moeller	Joe Day
New Holland, Pa.	Oct. 25-27	Richard McCarthy	John Whitcomb

DEFIANCE, OHIO. Two couples of the Grace Brethren Church recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kintner on May 5, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hammon on June 30. Maynard G. Tittle, pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Joe Coppinger has been called to the Grace Brethren Church and assumed the pastoral duties there on Sept. 1. The church gave the Coppingers a very nice reception and food shower their first Sunday afternoon at the new pastorate.

HARRISBURG, PA. Pastor Earle E. Peer reports that in a recent evangelistic meeting with Rev. Nathan Meyer, 50 decisions were recorded. Sixteen were first-time decisions, and the balance were for dedication of life, baptism and church membership. At the closing service, 328 were present.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Carl Key, a teacher at Mansfield Christian School, has been called to serve as the interim pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Robert D. Crees are praising the Lord for His protection in a one-car accident recently. While major damage was done to the car, injuries to its occupants were minor.

November Bible Reading Calendar

NOVEMBER			
DATE	MORNING	EVENING	
1	JER. 31, 32	TITUS	2
2	JER. 33, 34, 35	TITUS	3
3	JER. 36, 37	PHILEMON	
4	JER. 38, 39	HEBREWS	1
5	JER. 40, 41, 42	HEBREWS	2
6	JER. 43, 44, 45	HEBREWS	3
7	JER. 46, 47, 48	HEBREWS	4
8	JER. 49, 50	HEBREWS	5
9	JER. 51, 52	HEBREWS	6
10	LAM. 1, 2	HEBREWS	7
11	LAM. 3, 4, 5	HEBREWS	8
12	EZEKIEL 1, 2, 3	HEBREWS	9
13	EZEKIEL 4, 5, 6	HEB.	10:1-23
14	EZEKIEL 7, 8, 9	HEB.	10:24-39
15	EZE. 10, 11, 12	HEB.	11:1-19
16	EZE. 13, 14, 15	HEB.	11:20-40
17	EZEKIEL 16	HEBREWS	12
18	EZE. 17, 18, 19	HEBREWS	13
19	EZEKIEL 20, 21	JAMES	1
20	EZEKIEL 22, 23	JAMES	2
21	EZE. 24, 25, 26	JAMES	3
22	EZEKIEL 27, 28	JAMES	4
23	EZE. 29 30, 31	JAMES	5
24	EZEKIEL 32, 33	I PETER	1
25	EZEKIEL 34, 35	I PETER	2
26	EZEKIEL 36, 37	I PETER	3
27	EZEKIEL 38, 39	I PETER	4
28	EZEKIEL 40	I PETER	5
29	EZEKIEL 41, 42	II PETER	1
30	EZEKIEL 43, 44	II PETER	2

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

PEER, Elda M., 82, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 20. She was the mother of Rev. Earle E. Peer, pastor of the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa. Mrs. Peer was a charter member of the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and in earlier years had been a member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Services were conducted by Rev. Robert Wm. Markley, with burial in Cleveland, Ohio.

WHITE, Mrs. Eleanor H., 45, was taken to be with the Lord on Sept. 5, less than 30 days after it was discovered she had cancer. Mrs. White was a member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash., and much prayer was offered for her at this year's national conference. Her testimony during her last days was blessed. She served as church secretary, organist, pianist and WMC officer for a number of years. Her ministry of music was outstanding. Along with her husband, I. James White, choir director and soloist on the radio broadcast, their music brought blessing not only to the church but to thousands of shut-ins and the ill. She and her husband will be remembered by many for their ministry at both the Washington Bible Institute and the Akron Bible Institute. She is a sister to Rev. Vernon Harris, pastor of our Fairlawn Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio. As a memorial to her, the pipe organ at the Sunnyside church, installed in 1912, will be enlarged and completely rebuilt at a cost of about $6,000. John W. Mayes, pastor.

COOK, Charles William, 79, was loosed away upward to be with his Lord on Sept. 4. He was a faithful member for 30 years of the Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

FEIK, Mrs. Emma, a long-time member of the Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren Church, died on July 27. David L. Hocking, pastor.

PADGHAM, Mrs. Gertrude C., a long-time faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash., passed away July 22. John W. Mayes, pastor.

SOVERNS, Harold, 48, one of the original members of the Norwalk, Calif. Brethren Church when it was founded in 1953, died on July 6. Howard W. Mayes, pastor.

RUSS, Harry, 31, a member of the Galion, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church, died in an accident while working for the city electric light department. Everett Niswonger, pastor.

COBLENTZ, Jean, a member of the Dayton, Ohio, First Brethren Church, since 1933 died on Sept. 17. Through the years she served the church as a youth sponsor and Sunday school secretary. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

PARKINSON, William, a member of the Martinsburg, W. Va., Rosemont Brethren Church, died on Aug. 15. Robert Dell, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Vivian Stanley and Howard L. Whitaker, July 12, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Karen Ontjes and Gary Kracker, July 27, Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif.

Wilma Hewitt and Duane Williams, Aug. 3, Grace Brethren Church, Kent, Wash.

Lynn Traynor and David Schorr, Aug. 17, Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif.

Juanita Bunch and Norman Strunk, Aug. 25, Grace Brethren Church, Kent, Wash.

Deborah Fowler and Craig Stephen Griffin, Aug. 26, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Nancy Taylor and Bill Gatzke, Aug. 31, Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif.

Karen Siegfried and Thomas Roeder, Aug. 31, First Brethren Church, Allentown, Pa.

Peggy Brown and Charles Joliffe, Aug. 31, First Brethren Church, Grafton, W. Va.

Nancy Olsen and James Barnett, Sept. 1, Grace Brethren Church, Kent, Wash.

Peggy Clements and Jerry Hanchett, Sept. 20, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Sandra Louise Bazzle and William Charles Opfer, Oct. 5, Grace Brethren Church, Maitland, Fla.

The Story Behind a MIRACLE

The historic Winona Lake Christian Assembly w

"We wanted to expand the ministry."

By Waldo Yeager
Executive Director,
Winona Lake Christian Assembly

Isaiah 66:24—"And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer: and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

We of the Winona board have continually prayed that the Lord would direct us in an expanded use of the assembly's facilities. We believe the Lord has answered by leading the Winona Lake Christian Assembly into a closer relationship with Grace College and Seminary, and we are delighted. I have enjoyed our good association with Dr. Herman Hoyt and his excellent staff these past four years. We want to congratulate Grace College and Seminary on its progressive outlook in educating young people for the Lord's work.

Under the new arrangement recently made with the Schools, the assembly believes that the facilities can now be more fully utilized on a year-round basis. It has been the desire of the assembly board to expand the use of Winona assembly within its corporate structure.

This year we have had over 50,000 people on the conference grounds—many of them teen-agers. The Lord ministered to the spiritual needs of many who came to the various conferences—made possible because of our facilities. It is the intention of Grace Schools and the Winona assembly that these inter-denominational conferences continue as in the past.

The Bible conference has a ministry to many pastors and Christian workers of numerous denominations who vacation for a week or two at the conference grounds. We feel, in this day of spiritual declension, that this is an encouragement to many of them to carry on. The conference doctrinal statement calls for a firm stand on the Bible as the inerrant Word of God. Our ministry is Bible-centered, and it is impossible to completely evaluate its message to the visible audiences, as well as the vast invisible audience reached through the radio. Three different programs, with the good news of salvation, are broadcast daily to countless thousands. Only eternity will reveal the souls saved and the missionaries sent forth as a result of this ministry.

The assembly operates a modern, fully carpeted and air-conditioned hotel with a capacity of about 150 people. In addition, we have housing for 100 people in apartments, as well as accommodations for another 100 in our motel on the island. At the Winona Hotel; we operate a dining room, and on the corner of Park Avenue and Administration Boulevard, we have a cafeteria, known as the Eskimo Inn. The business block on Park Avenue is the property of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly, as well as the Billy Sunday Tabernacle and the Winona Auditorium.

We trust that the continued upgrading of the properties will make an expanding ministry possible in the future. We are sure the Lord led us in making all of this available for the Christ-centered educational program of Grace and believe the facilities will help care for the increasing needs for years to come.

In my years here, I am glad to have experienced the provision the Lord has made to sustain this ministry. It is a miracle about which only the Lord knows. I am sure that this new expansion can be a great step forward in the outreach of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly and Grace College and Seminary. May we continually pray for His provision in the future as in the past—until He comes. ▼

"The idea too fire and wa fanned by th Spirit of God.

At right: Mr. Waldo Yeag and Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

AT WINONA

acing liquidation. Then, suddenly, the Lord began to work.

"Grace would have been hurt."

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

President, Grace College and Seminary

God makes no mistakes in arranging the program of events that mark the course of our lives. It was so with me last June. I was scheduled to participate in the leadership of a flying seminar to Europe and the Holy Land. Dr. John Walvoord, president of Dallas Theological Seminary, and Dr. Ralph M. Gade, executive director of the American Association for Jewish Evangelism, were the other two leaders. The flying seminar was arranged for the entire month of June. Within a month of that date it was evident that this trip would not materialize. Both Dr. Walvoord and I were relieved, because this would give us a breathing spell for the many other duties that were converging upon us for the summer.



One such duty, which was not in my schedule, though it was certainly in the program of events as ordered of the Lord, came upon me on June 5-6. This developed in connection with my membership on the board of directors of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly. Although I was not a member of the executive committee, for some time I had been sitting with this committee at the request of the executive director of the assembly, Mr. Waldo Yeager. An insistent call from Mr. Yeager that I accompany the committee to Chicago for a special meeting came on June 4, and considering it to be the call of the Lord I went with Mr. Yeager and several others to Chicago.

After the evening meal, a number of the men belonging to the executive committee gathered to map the strategy for the meeting scheduled for the morning of June 6. The discussion gathered about the critical financial situation in which the Winona Lake Christian Assembly found itself. All of us were aware of the seriousness of the situation, a situation which had persisted over a period of many years, but we were not aware that it was growing steadily worse and there seemed to be no way by which the assembly could recover itself. Mr. Yeager and Mr. Webb, both responsible businessmen who were at the heart of the situation, over a period of years had organized the facts concerning the status of the assembly, and they had finally been able to put it into perspective for the other board members. They were now prepared to insist that the situation had reached an acute state where no further delay for solution could be permitted.

After reviewing the financial statement, the members of the executive committee then present faced the issue: what shall we do? As the conversation progressed it seemed evident that some sort of liquidation must be effected. Either the liquidation must come in stages to meet some of the indebtedness, or else there must be some sort of total liquidation. If liquidation of the assets were to come in stages, this would mean the progressive sale of portions of the property. The sale of the entire lake front property could well net a sum of $250,000. This would enable the assembly to retire mortgages to that amount. The sale of property to the east of the Winona Hotel would enable the assembly to offset a deficit in the current operation, but these men also recognized that the sale of this property might bring into the area uncongenial elements, and the loss of valuable pieces of property would inevitably limit the usefulness of the Bible conference grounds. *(Continued on page 22)*

In the thinking of these men, liquidation forced them to face up to another problem. Who would be hurt in the eventual liquidation and disappearance of this time-honored and widely effective Bible conference? Some time was spent listing the segments of society that would be affected and how far-reaching this effect might be. In the course of this discussion, I timidly interrupted the conversation to explain that Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College would be hurt. I explained that I was not thinking of the financial side, but rather the moral and spiritual. I explained that one of the reasons that Grace Theological Seminary had moved to Winona Lake in 1939 was because of the moral and spiritual atmosphere provided by this great Bible conference.

Mr. Conner, a businessman from Indianapolis, responded with amazing pointedness: "Then, why don't you take it over?" I threw my hands in the air and responded that this was not what I had in mind, but the other men took up this idea. They discussed it at great length, and finally insisted that I should think the matter over and come back to the meeting in the morning with some answer. The idea took fire and was fanned by the Spirit of God working in these men. Expressions such as these were made: "This is a natural. Why didn't we think of this before?" "How could we be so blind as not to think of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College, right here in our front yard?"

The answer clearly is this. Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College was not ready to entertain any such move, nor was the Winona Lake Christian Assembly ready to make such a proposal. God has His times for the movement of His people and their programs. He is never ahead of time, nor behind time.

After retiring, I spent considerable time in prayer and in reflection on the possibility of using this property in the program of Grace Schools. I returned to the executive committee meeting next morning with an answer in the affirmative. Already, Grace College had outgrown its present living quarters for students. We were also in need of an auditorium where combined meetings of the college and seminary could meet, and the assembly property provided immediate answers to these needs. I further affirmed that Grace would want to operate the Bible conference as it had been operated over the years, and that the sale of any property would limit the maximum usefulness of the grounds. Of course, I insisted that I could not make any commitments without first consulting my advisory committee and the board of trustees.

This assurance was sufficient to lead these men to give Grace Schools prior listing in the possible solution to the present problems. Acting upon this, I took the matter to the advisory committee immediately upon my return home. This committee was excited by the proposal and saw even more uses for the grounds than I had envisioned. The next day the advisory committee went to Wooster, Ohio, for consultation with about ten members of the board of trustees who reside in that general area. From this meeting there was an action to continue negotiations and plan for a full meeting of the board in Winona Lake on July 9.

During the intervening month, lawyers were retained to examine the legal aspects of this transferal of property, and the school accountant was charged with preparing a financial statement for the board. After a tour of the grounds on July 8, the board of trustees met together. They considered all the facets of this new venture and were reasonably assured that this move was a good thing. Action was taken to pursue the matter with the assembly, and to have in hand such agreement and changes in the constitution of the assembly, so that final action could be taken on August 10 at the annual meeting of the Grace board. In the interim all the necessary legal matters were prepared by the officers of the assembly in consultation with the officers of Grace Schools.

Another thorough examination of agreement and amendments to the constitution was given by the board of directors of Grace Schools, and then the final favorable action was taken. There remained now only the action of the board of directors of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly which was scheduled for August 23. No difficulty was envisioned from them because they were responsible for initiating the proposal in the first place. As it turned out, the action of the assembly board was unanimous. Moreover, there was great rejoicing because this action offered a plan for fostering the interests of Grace Schools and at the same time preserving this great Bible conference for the Christian public.

This action transfers the property of the assembly into the hands of Grace Schools for their use. This property is not being conveyed to The Brethren Church. The Bible conference will be operated in essentially the same manner as in previous years, maintaining an interdenominational quality but adhering strictly to the conservative and fundamental tenets of the Christian faith. A board of sixteen men will be charged with the responsibility of directing the conference. Twelve of these men will be elected annually to this board by the Grace Schools board of trustees, and four will be elected annually by the shareholders in the corporation. The new board will meet annually to elect an executive committee which will be charged with the responsibility of operating the entire grounds.

By this action, property well in excess of a million dollars came into the hands of Grace Schools, along with over a half-million dollars in liabilities. There is approximately 25 acres of land plus the following buildings: The Winona Hotel, The Billy Sunday Tabernacle, The Administration Building, an air-conditioned Auditorium, The Beyer Home, McKee Courts, all the business district, The Turner Home, The Billy Sunday Home, the manager's home, The Lodge, and the Ferguson Apartments. This by no means gives an adequate description of all the property, but it will enable the reader to get some idea of the possibilities for development, both for the Bible conference and for Grace Schools. Your prayers for the new endeavor and your financial support will be needed and appreciated.

This action does not envision the interruption of the development of Grace campus. It will supplement the operation of Grace Schools and enlarge its facilities for various functions, but the work of developing Grace campus must go on. There are certain needs of the school which can be supplied in no other way. As an integral part of this new venture, it is planned that the Winona Lake conference grounds will be developed so that they will be operating the year-round. ▼



The Auditorium:

(Before and After)

Focal Center of Brethren History

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr.

The Winona Lake auditorium in which our recent 79th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches was held is a comparatively new building, dedicated in 1959. However, it



The Auditorium:
Focal Center of Brethren History

is located on the same spot where a previous edifice was the scene of many conferences and actions of The Brethren Church and of multitudes of events in relation to other groups.

Look for a moment at its history apart from its usage by The Brethren Church. In the very descriptive book, *The Story of Winona Lake* by Vincent H. Gaddis and Jasper A. Huffman, Mr. Gaddis, a long-time Winona resident, recalls that "here the oratory of William Jennings Bryan, the lectures of James Whitcomb Riley, and the famed voices of Madame Schumann-Heink, Louise Homer and Evan Williams rang out and echoed before vast crowds."

This volume also recalls that in addition to oratorical, literary and musical celebrities there also appeared in this old building for a period of over fifty years a large number of the greatest preachers and Bible teachers in the Christian world. The list includes such men as J. Wilbur Chapman, Billy Sunday, William E. Biederwolf, G. Campbell Morgan, Reuben A. Torrey, Melvin Grove Kyle, John R. Sampey, A. T. Robertson, George L. Robinson and a host of others.

For us as Brethren people this site brings back many memories of deeply important events. It was here that our national conference began meeting in 1896, this being the seventh general conference of our denomination since its beginning in 1883 at Dayton, Ohio. Winona was then called Spring Fountain Park because of a spring located near the present Winona Hotel. This first conference of the Brethren at Winona Lake was just a year after the origin of the Winona Bible Conference in 1895 which has blessed so many thousands through all the years that have followed. Since that time our national conference has met here each year with few exceptions.

In the year 1901 there was held the first corporation meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church in this building. The society had been organized the year before on a knoll just north of the auditorium. It was not considered wise at that time for it to be organized in the conference itself. Be it said, however, that following the organization of the society "out under the oak trees" the announcement of this memorable event was made in this conference of 1900. And ever since that time the annual corporation meetings of The Foreign Missionary Society have been held during conference week and most of them in the building we are considering.

Speaking of corporation meetings it should also be noted that such meetings of the Brethren Home Missions Council, the Brethren Missionary Herald, and Grace Theological Seminary and College have been held annually in this auditorium during conference week.

An event of utmost importance took place in this auditorium in 1938, namely, the adoption by the conference of *The Message of the Brethren Ministry.* This message had been previously adopted by the national ministerium in 1921 as the result of winds of heretical doctrine which had threatened the foundations of the church beginning about 1914. This message solidified the position of the Brethren ministry for orthodoxy following 1921. Then in 1938 when doctrine and practical problems threatened the welfare of the church the entire conference expressed its approval of *The Message of the Brethren Ministry* as its standard of belief and practice. This message has since that conference acted as a chart and compass for the whole church as well as the ministry.

Lingering in memory with respect to the conferences held in this building through the years has been the practice of the dedication of scores of missionaries for service on the foreign fields. This has customarily taken place on the closing Sunday morning of conference and is always accompanied with a deep impression of dedication and a challenge to greater involvement in the missionary enterprise.

Other events too numerous to mention have taken place in this auditorium as Brethren people have assembled themselves together in their annual meetings. It has been the focal center to which multitudes of our constituency have looked forward each year for inspiration, challenge and better acquaintance with our total denominational program.

After over half a century of continued usage, the auditorium which was only a wooden structure, showed definite marks of deterioration. Its roof leaked. In times of severe storms one almost needed an umbrella inside the building to keep dry! The floors creaked. The acoustics were very inadequate. Moreover, it was no longer large enough to house the increasing crowds that gathered. Recognizing the deficiency of the old building the board of trustees of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly in February of 1959 ordered it demolished and with great rapidity a new auditorium arose in its place and was dedicated in August of that same year.

This new structure is made of concrete and brick and has a seating capacity of over 1200. It is both heated and air-conditioned. Thus it is a worthy successor to the old auditorium and is used both summer and winter. The Lord willing, it will continue to house the annual conferences of The Brethren Church. Since 1960 it has been the scene of the annual commencement services of Grace Schools and now that Grace Seminary and College are assuming the control of the Winona Lake Assembly facilities, it will be the scene of convocation services, joint chapels, musical programs, and other events. The first event of this kind was the joint convocation service of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College, held at the opening of this school year on September 10, 1968, at the regular morning chapel hour.

Readers of this article will surely agree with the writer that the Winona Lake auditorium has had a hallowed history. May it be true that the past was but the harbinger of better and more glorious things in the future, if our Lord tarries in His coming. ▼

The Historic Structures ...

Billy Sunday Tabernacle



Billy Sunday Home



The Administration Building



Beyer Home



The Billy Sunday Tabernacle, for which construction was started by the founder of Winona, Dr. Sol C. Dickey, was not yet completed at the time of his death in 1920. Only through the financial assistance of Billy Sunday was the Tabernacle completed in 1921.

"Mount Hood," the modest home built by Billy Sunday on Evangel Hill, was deeded to the assembly by "Ma" Sunday as a museum in memory of her husband.

Two brothers, Christian Cyrus and John E. Beyer, built the two-family Beyer Home overlooking the hillside and park in 1881. Now the property of the assembly, it houses 18 men from the college.

The Administration Building, completely remodeled in its present colonial style about 1922, originally extended to the avenue. ▼

Places of Refuge . . .

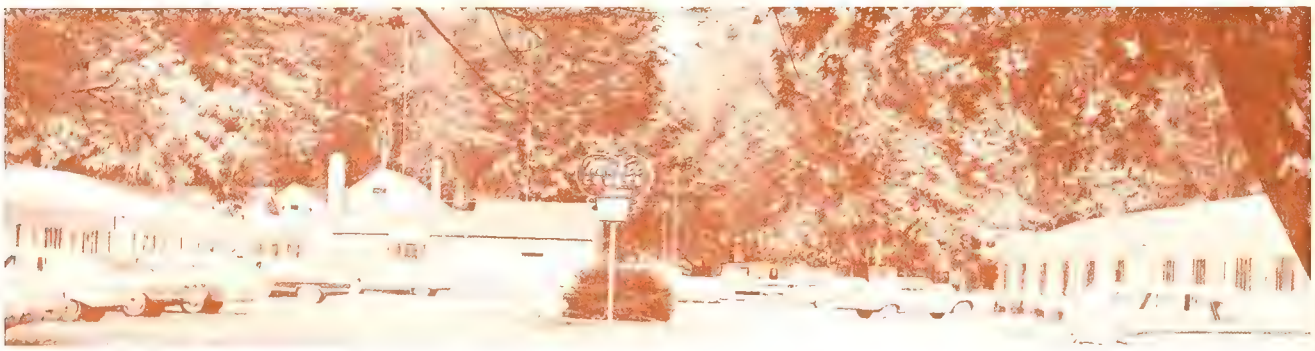
Eskimo Inn



Winona Hotel



McKee Courts



Park Avenue Property



The Eskimo Inn and drugstore had originally stood on the opposite side of the street until moved to its present location to make way for the Billy Sunday Tabernacle.

The Winona Hotel, originally known as the Eagle Lake Hotel, was erected about 1890. Extensive remodeling has converted the structure into a modern air-conditioned hotel with lovely dining facilities.

McKee Court, with its 20 modern motel suites, is located on the island in the vicinity of the business section of the town.

Lakeside Apartments, on the second floor of the modern business block, which with the new post office was built between 1955 and 1958, now houses 40 men from the college. ▼

. . . Nature and the Lord.

Winona Beach



Prayer Chapel



Winona Lake, the 905-acre body of water once known as Eagle Lake because it is roughly shaped like an eagle, has been a well-known recreation spot for hundreds of thousands of people for more than three-quarters of a century. Originally the shoreline came up to the roadway leading into Winona, until in the early 1930's sand and gravel was brought from a gravel pit north of the railroad to create the present excellent beach. A 200-foot pier in front of the hotel was added in recent years.

The Little Chapel by the Lake, located just north of the Billy Sunday Tabernacle, was designed, erected and furnished by the Endicott Church Furniture Company of Warsaw, Indiana. The builders donated it to the assembly on June 1, 1960 as a place of meditation, prayer and worship for all those who enter. ▼

Grace News

New Facilities

With the recent acquisition of the facilities of the Winona Christian Assembly, much of the pressure on Grace College dormitory facilities has been temporarily alleviated. To accommodate this year's student body, the largest in the history of the school, several of the assembly facilities are now being used as housing for college men.

The Beyer Home, a large stately residence located on Chestnut Avenue directly behind the Billy Sunday Tabernacle, is currently housing 18 college men.

The Lakeside Apartments, also referred to as the "Winona Hotel Annex" and located directly above the business block on Park Avenue, are being used for approximately 40 college men.

Tentative plans are now being made to utilize certain other buildings on the conference grounds for college use, as well.

The Eskimo Inn will probably become a student center, with the snack bar open from 7:00-10:00 p.m. and on weekends for student and local patrons.

The present administration building, the large white building facing the Eskimo Inn, will probably house either the development or financial offices in time.

The large air-conditioned auditorium, seating approximately 1200 people, is being used when a larger auditorium than McClain auditorium is in demand. In addition to being used for concerts, programs and meetings of the combined student bodies such as the recent fall convocation chapel, the auditorium will also be used for the Grace Bible Conference this coming January 28-31, 1969.

Due to the desire of the new Christian assembly board to continue to operate the Bible conference in the same manner as the past (which includes some winter weekend conferences), the Winona Hotel is not presently available for either housing or dining facilities for the college.

Record Enrollment

All previous records were broken at Grace College with the enrollment of 562 students for the fall semester according to Ron Henry, college registrar. This represents a 14% increase over last year's enrollment of 492.

The seminary shows a 5% increase with 188 students compared to 178 at this same time last year according to Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., seminary registrar.

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Shuttle Service for Students

A shuttle-bus service between Winona Lake and Warsaw for staff and students of Grace College and Seminary has been put into operation. The service arose from a need for transportation for students working in the Warsaw area.

Utilizing a 9-passenger club wagon now owned by the school, the service will begin at Alpha Hall on the Grace campus. At present the plans are to run routes to downtown Warsaw, as far north on 15 as Uniroyal, west on 30 to Donnelley's, and south to Miller's Merry Manor retirement village.

One-way tickets for the runs will be 25 cents. ▼



L to R: Gary Cole, Chris Stauffer, Patsy Scofield, Marilyn Emch and (in the bus) Jim Bowling.

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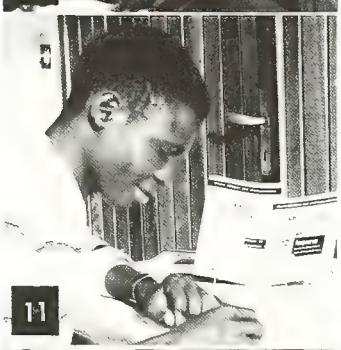
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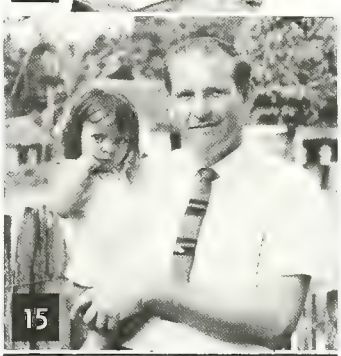
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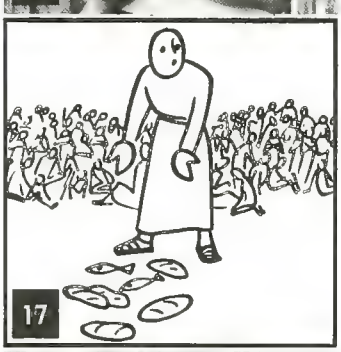
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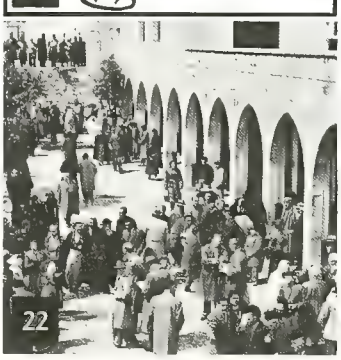
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Cover Photo—Fifty years of Christian missions in the Central African Republic—the picture represents two generations. One came out of raw heathenism and the other enjoyed the enlightenment of Christianity. Both are active in the African Church and both must be ministered to. Cochran photo

Only One Man

"Only one man was lost in our bombing raids over Germany today." It was Gabriel Heater who made this statement in a World War II era newscast. But in a dramatic tone so characteristic of Mr. Heater he went on: "Only *one* man? But that man was some mother's son, some child's father, or some wife's all! One man? Ah, how much better to say 'We lost *a* man today.' "

Mr. Heater was dramatizing the worth of *one* man; the value and potential of a *single* life.

It is so easy to lose the individual in the crowds. "Attendance was down by ten today"; "All of our boys showed up for the club meeting except two." In our day of mass population increase it is difficult to think in terms of the value of one individual.

But in God's program the individual is all-important. His "Whosoever will may come" opens the door to God's eternal salvation and blessing to every individual in all of the world. And it is His desire that not one will be lost. Even as Christ dealt with individuals about the important spiritual truths, He expects us to do likewise.

Every individual in our churches is important, but I feel that we must give special effort to the winning of individual children and young people. First, because they need guidance and will accept it better in the early ages than in later life. Second, we need to develop them for the work of the church in later years. Commendation is due to those who work in the fine organizations in this field, such as SMM, BYF, Children's Church, Sky Pilots, Pioneer Girls, and Christian Service Brigade.

It is especially gratifying to see our Brethren laymen stepping up their interest in and support of the boys clubs of the denomination. Their goal of working closely with these groups to get a substantial increase in the number of clubs is great. May God bless them in their effort. There is something worthwhile and effective in men working with boys. Not only are the boys trained, but the men are helped and strengthened.

We dare not neglect this vital ministry. May God grip our hearts with the urgency of this need. I have seen men weep for "their boys," and because of a lack of help in properly manning the training battle stations. I have also seen men stand and give victorious testimony of rich blessing received from seeing boys come to know Christ as Saviour, and go on with Him in service. We need more tears of concern for the boys and girls of our Fellowship!

The writer of the song "The Ninety and Nine" must have had great concern for individuals in the cause of Christ, for the song speaks of extreme sacrifice in reaching one single lost sheep. God give to each of us such concern and dedication. ▼

50 YEARS IN AFRICA

This issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* commemorates fifty years of foreign mission work by The Brethren Church in Africa. The Brethren General Conference in 1917 approved North Central Africa as a mission field, and on January 8, 1918, Mr. and Mrs. James Gribble, Miss Estella Myers, and Miss Mae Snyder sailed from New Orleans on the *SS City of Cairo* for Capetown, Africa. It was not until February 2, 1921, however, that government permission was finally granted for the missionaries to proceed into their chosen field of labor.

We praise God for entrusting our missionaries with the responsibility of evangelizing in what is now the Central African Republic, and we commend the dedicated corps of missionaries who followed these faithful pioneers in order to establish the Church of Jesus Christ in Africa. The results of their labors speak for themselves.

Note: *The articles in this issue were planned by a committee of missionaries on the field. One article, which was written concerning the medical aspect of the mission work, had not been received at deadline time for the issue. Hopefully, it will be carried in a later foreign missions' section.*



Then—the chapel at Bossangoa.

THEN AND NOW

The things I remember about life in Africa as a youngster going-on-six, are these: I remember living in tents (rooms) under thatch shelters. Here many prayers ascended to God while I played quietly nearby. I remember a rented termite-riddled house where we lived blowing down in a bad storm; thunder that used to drive me under my father's camp cot in fear; snakes in the grass (in the roof!); eating fried locusts for supper beside the campfire (crispy-good!); missionaries telling the Good News to Africans who came to the station. I remember my mother writing words, endlessly, on little slips of paper—making a dictionary, she said. I remember Estella Myers pumping the portable organ; this intrigued me as much as the natives. I remember seeing her and my mother treating sick people who came with leprosy, leopard wounds, and less-visible troubles. I was with my father so much of the time, listening to him preach to the ever-present group watching his carpentry. He made a very deep impression on my young life.

In the 1960's much is different in Central Africa. The thunder still rolls, and lightning has struck a few of the missionary dwellings, but Al Balzar's houses are as "permanent" as anything can be in the tropics, and they don't blow down. In the early days MK's had to be left in the States when they were ready for the first grade—I was the first. Now, for over twenty years, a first-rate "country school" of eight grades has kept the children on the field, and there will be a junior high in the very near future.

Transportation also has improved. Missionaries in the past rode "shank's horses," bicycles, or monocycle chairs push-pulled by Africans, but they travel now in station wagons or pickups; there are a few small VW's for town use and small trips. From Bangui to Bozoum used to take between ten and fifteen days; now some make it in six hours.

Lights used to be candles or kerosene lanterns not yet pressurized. Now many stations have generators for electricity several hours a night. Where the hospital and the print shop are, there is electricity for much of the day, although its domestic use must be controlled. In Bangui there is constant electric power, so they have electric refrigerators and other appliances. Housekeeping is certainly much easier in our brick houses with cement floors than it used to be in mud-walled, thatched-roofed houses with pounded mud floors—or even the better floors, brick pointed with cement, which came later. A few homes now even have glass windows; all the dwellings of missionaries have been fully screened for about forty years.

The pioneer missionaries had to spend much time in learning languages from "scratch"—reducing them to writing according to French orthography (because it was illegal then to teach reading in the vernacular) so the Africans could later read the Word in their own tongues. Many of the Gospels were translated into tribal languages. Now the whole Bible is in Sango—with marginal notes even! Thank God that *now* language can be used to communicate the Grace of God in a way never before possible here, which was prayed and planned-for *then.*

In those beginning days the law forbade missionaries going into the villages to preach the Gospel. They could tell the Good News only to those who came to them. Later these laws were relaxed, and for years missionaries itinerated, proclaiming Christ in the villages. Many churches exist in these villages now as a result of missionary evangelism. The preaching of the Gospel in the villages is now almost done entirely by African Christians. Missionaries are engaged mainly in teaching African pastors and church leaders, producing readable literature, maintaining the health of African Christians and others, laboring in youth and other specialized programs. *Then* the prayer was, "Lord, let us enter into the land and begin Your work there." *Now* the prayer is, "Lord, let us continue and complete the work You have given Your foreign missionaries in this land."

—Marguerite Gribble Dunning ▼



Now—the Castor church, Bangui

THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

Our first missionary party was moving up the river toward Carnot, Central Africa, in September 1919, when Mr. Gribble wrote: "Let no one think the evangelization of French Equatorial Africa will be an easy task." Again he wrote: "Our going forth is for the purpose of putting the Gospel to a test among the pagan people of Oubangui-Chari. . . . It is not we who are on trial, it is the Gospel which we preach."

I am sure there can be no disputing that the Gospel has manifested its power and force in Central Africa. As one travels through the land today, he sees many little church buildings in the villages. Actually, there are hundreds of them. Many, many people are meeting for study of the Word and for prayer and worship. Thousands have come into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, the last count of the membership of the Brethren churches here in Africa is about double that of the churches in the States.

But the growth of the African churches is not just in numbers and members. There also has been a growth in responsibility. The churches have come a long way from the mission-paid "catechiste" of the early days. He was wont to go forth to preach with royal pomp, one boy carrying his books and another his chair, while he brought up the rear dressed in white-man's clothes and walking with regal dignity. Now the affairs of the church are entirely in the hands of the local congregations. They call their own pastor, and he is a pastor among them just as the pastor in the States. There is a church council which sets up its church program and arranges its business and financial affairs.

A third area of growth in the African church, the most important, is the spiritual growth. Of course, this is the foundation for all real growth in the church of Jesus Christ. There are men in the churches who understand the Scriptures and have spiritual perception to lead those churches. As late as 1946 there were only seven ordained elders in the Brethren churches in Africa. Today there are at least a dozen times that many, with as many licensed men. And many of the graduates of our Bible Institute have been neither ordained nor licensed. Most of these men are doing a good job of leading their churches and preaching the Word. There are also many laymen and laywomen who are taking advantage of local classes to study to show themselves approved unto God. These stand with the pastor as deacons, deaconesses, counselors and group leaders. Consequently, at the center of many of the churches there is now a spiritual nucleus. They have problems to solve and they do not know all the answers. The Spirit has much to teach them. But they will not easily be led aside or astray.

Schaff wrote concerning the Graeco-Roman heathenism of the first centuries after Christ, that it had everything in its favor "and led all into the field against the weaponless religion of the crucified Nazarene. After a conflict of four or five centuries, it lay prostrate in the dust without hope of resurrection." The Gospel has not yet been preached in Central Africa for half a century. There remains much, very much, yet to be done. But certainly the growing, thriving church of Central Africa offers abundant evidence of the power of the Gospel of Christ in the lives of needy men and women.

Mr. Gribble once expressed a desire that he might sit at the gate of heaven and see the redeemed come in from the areas where he had been a pioneer missionary. I am sure his heart would be filled with joy to see the multitudes come in from Central Africa.

"Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power,

Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more." ▼

—Rev. Robert S. Williams

FROM BABES TO MATURE PASTORS

At the beginning of this Age of Grace the Lord Jesus Christ began giving spiritual gifts to the members of His body for "the perfecting (equipping) of the saints for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ" with the goal that each believer might become a strong, full-grown Christian. It follows then that the normal Christian life should be a developing life of continual growth in the Lord.

One reason that the mission field has proved so exciting is that this range of spiritual growth can often be seen to develop dramatically. In just fifty years, less than a lifetime, the complete cycle from babyhood to adulthood has been demonstrated in the lives of many of our African pastors and the churches to which they minister.

Fifty years ago Brethren pioneers underwent many hardships and much suffering as they pressed on into the interior of the little-known continent of Africa. After a long, difficult trip by riverboat, first contacts were made with the population of Oubangui-Chari, contacts that were often in the form of personal help as "boys," guides and workmen, and yet to the missionary these contacts were God-given opportunities to witness, to pray with and to lead a soul steeped in superstition, fear, and idolatry into a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. This was the beginning of the growth of these newborn babes, as the pioneer missionary carefully administered the sincere milk of the Word to these hungry ones.

To hasten this development, prayer groups were organized with the believers meeting in the haze of the predawn morning before going to their gardens to work through the heat of the long, hot, African day. From among these groups developed prayer leaders who, as opportunity allowed, were gathered together in Bible classes



Fifty years of Christian missions in the Central African Republic.

and the elementary principles of the doctrine of Christ were clearly presented. In many cases class instruction was supplemented by individual instruction as a hungry babe in Christ and a missionary with the gift of teaching met in some shady spot before the open Bible. The results then followed naturally as these new Christians, filled with the Word and rejoicing in their salvation, went forth into government "postes," into villages of ruling chiefs, and along winding paths through tall grass into the "bush" villages with the message of Life to those who had never heard.

As in the days of the evangelist Philip, the people "with one accord gave heed," and there was "great joy." Those were the days when the mere announcement of a meeting, and the beating of the church drum, would bring almost the entire village out to hear the preaching of the Gospel. Since he had almost no formal training, it was enough that the African preacher should read a few verses of Scripture and give his personal testimony, and the Holy Spirit would touch hearts and save souls with these simple words. The blessing of the Lord was evident as the first twenty-five years ended with 7,000 church members and 3,000 converts in pre-baptismal classes. These thousands were ministered to by four ordained African pastors and many catechists.

The second twenty-five years have been characterized by a "going on" unto full age and more mature knowledge. The normal growth of the maturing shepherd demanded less milk and

more solid food of the Word. Now the gifts of the Spirit as given to African evangelists, pastors and teachers were recognized and cultivated through further study of the Word. Elementary Bible schools were organized on each of the ten mission stations, taught first by the missionaries who were replaced as rapidly as Africans trained in the Word were available.

The first steps toward a Central Bible School were taken in 1938 when eighteen preachers were gathered at the then-new Bozoum station for four months of special Bible classes, and then allowed to return to minister to their churches for four months. This part-time school was replaced in 1946 by a full-time Bible Institute offering a two-year course of study leading to a Bible Institute diploma. Men from all parts of the mission field were carefully selected and enrolled. From these first classes have come many of the church leaders of today. The Bible Institute course was soon lengthened to three years, and the effect of the additional teaching of the Word was soon manifested in the hearts of the church leaders who passed on their acquired Biblical knowledge to the members of the local churches. During its first ten years the Bible Institute graduated more than 200 and sent them into the "vineyard." The faithful prayers and preaching of these men resulted in a doubling of the membership during the same ten-year period, resulting in 14,000 members and 6,500 converts. By this time the pastoral gifts of a number were recognized by their churches and examinations were given for ordination.

The divine principle of fruit-bearing began to have its full effect as fruit, more fruit, and finally much fruit was borne. During its twenty-two years of teaching Africans, the Bible Institute has been effectively used of the Lord in producing pastors who are also teachers equipped for the edifying of the body of Christ. More than 500 men have received the much-coveted diploma. In addition to the Bible Institute a School of Theology was organized in 1963 with an entering class of eight. These men now occupy key positions in the church.

The effect of the faithful gospel preaching of these Bible-trained pastors cannot be overestimated. It is clearly reflected in the statistics of the church. The latest figure available places the membership of the Brethren Church in Africa at 61,225. In addition there are other thousands of converts in pre-baptismal classes. Figures show that there are over 125,000 in attendance each Sunday in Brethren churches in Africa. There are now more than 500 men preaching the Gospel each Sunday, 120 of whom are ordained or licensed pastors. Truly the Lord of the harvest has given much fruit. As we look toward the second fifty years, should our Lord tarry, it is with the earnest desire that the African church might attain unto maturity in Christ, "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ," that the African part of the body of Christ might be more worthy of its Head, the Lord Jesus Christ.—*Rev. S. Wayne Beaver* ▼

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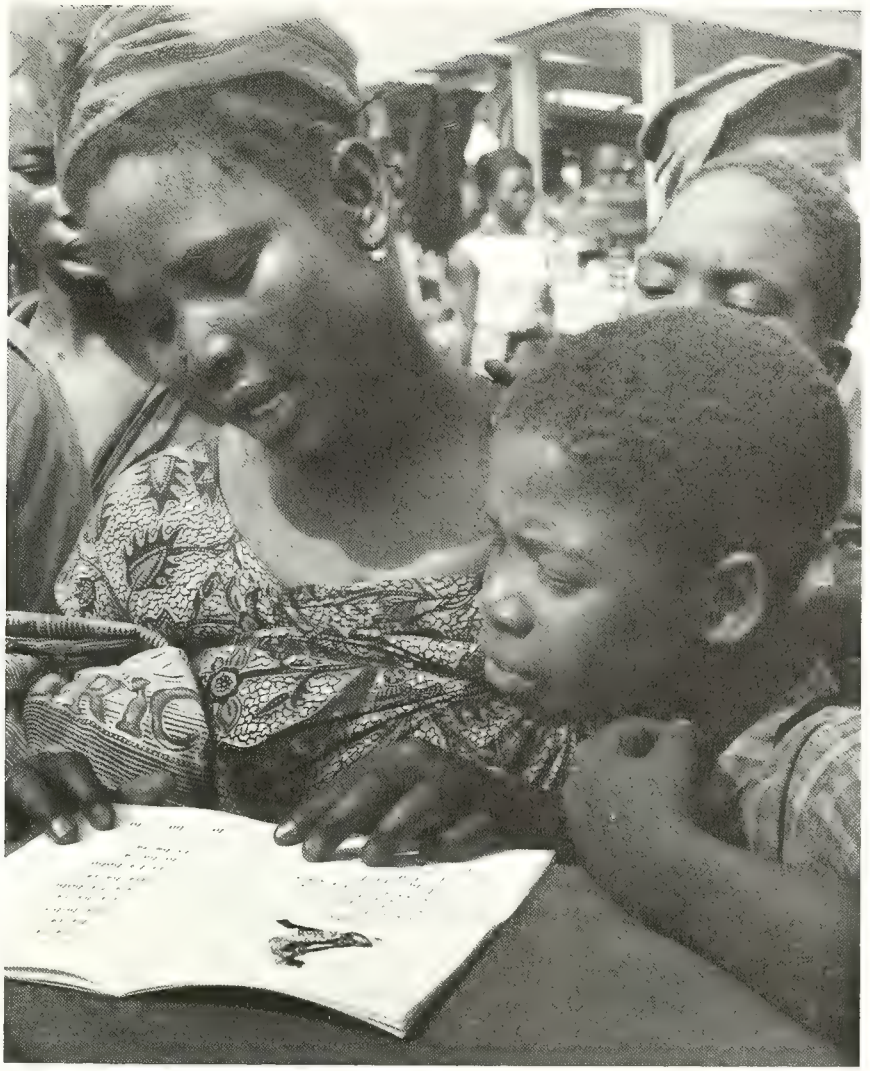
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THE ROLE OF LITERATURE



All-time favorites—basic readers.

The Brethren pioneer missionaries who arrived in Africa while World War I was raging realized the need for Christian literature. During the first thirty years mimeographs and multigraphs were employed to produce Scripture portions, lesson booklets and Bible helps for the young church. Toward the end of the third decade the foreign board responded to the plea from African Christians for more literature. Thousands of pieces of literature were made available, but the printing had to be done in some faraway country: Cameroons, Europe, or America.

By 1950 the first mission press was in operation. Progress was being made. One of the first books printed on this small letterpress was a translation of Dr. Alva J. McClain's *Bible Truths.*

The first offset press started producing literature in 1957. This press was more versatile and greater quantities of literature could be printed. We began to see the effects of a concentrated literature program. But, this press was not adequate for the growing needs.

In 1960 a newly-formed republic, the Central African Republic, received her independence from France. Education was being stressed. The need for an expanded literature program became more urgent. But this need came at a time when our missionary society was experiencing a financial crisis. The board recognized our needs in the field of printing, but funds were not available. We as a group of missionaries cried out to God in prayer: "If it is Your will, Lord, that an expanded literature program be established in this land, You provide the means."

God answered prayer. Funds came from an unsolicited source, and in less than three years a new print shop came into being and was furnished with modern printing equipment.

In November 1966 the first copies of the Sango Bible were made available to the people in this area. While the printing was not done locally, the literature program was greatly enhanced by its appearance. The New Testament had been available since the 1930's but now the people had the Word of God in its entirety!

Since 1963 over 200,000 books, pamphlets, and tracts have rolled from the mission presses each year. Bible school lessons, youth literature, adult lessons, songbooks, Sunday-school quarterlies, monthly magazines, tracts, and other materials are in abundance. Forty bookstalls have been placed in rural areas. Christian bookstores are located at three government centers.

In July of this year we launched a correspondence course program, and enrollments are coming in. In August of this year a new printer, Mr. George Peters and his family arrived on the field.

1918-1968: These fifty years have been years of service for the Christ who gave His life for us. In these fifty years thousands of Africans have stepped from darkness into the glorious light of the Gospel of Christ. Literature has had a part in many of these decisions.

We have a great God. We praise Him for what He has done and look to Him for even greater blessings in years to come.—*Rev. Donald F. Miller* ▼

SCHOOLS—THEN

No building, no books, no slates. But a teacher, some children, and, behold, a school.

Long ago the teacher had heard, "Whom shall I send?" "Send me," he answered. God heard him and sent him to this.

Some days the equatorial sun lavished its heat on the embryonic school. Some days it withdrew its shining and rain dispersed the class. A tree could not always suffice for a schoolroom. Walls of wattle and mud replaced the tree. Grass overhead protected from sun and rain. Chalk and slates replaced sticks and sand. Books painfully produced and reproduced by the teacher supplemented the slates. The school was a going concern.

"In the beginning God," the children read. "Come unto me," they read. Struggling with their chalk and slates they came. "Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes." And they learned.

Years have come and gone. The undaunted teachers of such schools no longer toil under the tropical sun. Better buildings and better books have replaced that early equipment.

Where are the pupils? In strong cities, and in villages unknown to the bustling world. Some teach the statutes of the Lord, and others live by those precepts.

"Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end."—*Miss Ruth Snyder* ▼



The Gribble tent at "Camp Wait-Some-More."

SCHOOLS—NOW

The "vast regions" of bygone days have become independent countries. What, above all, are these nations searching for in the course of development? It is education. Most of the African states set aside one-fifth of their budget for the education of their youth.

This is a subject which preoccupies not only the government but also the African church. A missionary arriving in Oubangui-Chari fifty years ago was equally faced with this problem. He was to preach the Gospel, granted; but how can you help Christians, who do not know how to read or write, progress? By teaching them first of all.

Vernacular Schools. Wherever it was possible, the missionaries began to hold children's classes. They were taught in the local languages and had the purpose of teaching the children to pray, sing, learn Bible verses, and read the Bible. But it was very soon insufficient.

The Regular Day Schools. As early as 1926, three primary schools functioned under the direction of Miss Emmert and Miss Crawford, Mrs. Gribble, and Mr. Jobson. The results were immediately encouraging. During vacation the oldest students took an active part in village evangelization. Unfortunately, difficulties arose very quickly. Oubangui-Chari had such need of men with a little instruction that interesting financial opportunities were offered to these pupils, and many left the mission. This situation led to the closing of the schools. How much this hasty move was regretted later on! Education is a domain in which patience and time are necessary and fruit is not seen until after long years. It may be noted, however, that at least five pastors now serving the African church were formed in these beginnings.

It was not until December, 1953, when Charles Taber arrived, that this type of teaching started again. A teachers' training school was opened with the purpose of preparing capable teachers who could begin classes themselves. Results were slow, but continued, which permitted having twenty-five classes with more than one thousand pupils divided into the various regions of the mission field.



It was a great day when the Sango Bibles were finally received!

In the face of the ever-increasing demands of the minister of education, those responsible for the teachers' school sent out a call to Europe for missionaries with French language background. In 1958 my wife and I, both Swiss teachers, accepted the call to give our help to this important work for the future of the African church. Two years later, Mr. and Mrs. Waridel came to enlarge the number of teachers. Then the government decreed the nationalization of the schools. This brought with it the close of the teachers' school.

Was this the end of our efforts? No! For this work is not ours but that of the Lord, and He is able to open other doors. The high school for boys, which had just been started, could be transformed, with the agreement of the government, to a high school-seminary which was named for

James Gribble in memory of the pioneer of the mission.

What Is the Situation in 1968?

Every year hundreds of young men want to enter the high school-seminary. We choose the forty best ones, and most of them stay the four years at Yaloke. What has become of those who have already finished their studies? The first student who entered the high school in 1960 obtained his baccalaureat last year and is continuing his studies in the United States at Grace College and then on to medical studies. About fifty former students are teachers, others are in the medical work of the mission. Two students have just finished Dr. Robbins' dental school. We do not want to forget all those who, by means of government institutions, are devoted to the development of their country.

Nevertheless, we were not satisfied. It was necessary that our students have the possibility of contributing directly to the development of the African church. This has been done now. A preparatory school of theology is opening in October at Yaloke with around ten students, almost all of them former students of the high school-seminary. Now we have hopes of opening a theological school in 1970.

We cannot finish without mentioning the girls. Because of African customs, nothing or very little has been organized in the realm of schools for them. How can a nation progress if the woman is not educated? In this fiftieth anniversary of the mission we are happy and grateful that the Lord has permitted us to envision for 1969 a section for girls in the high school-seminary. While receiving the same program as the boys, in addition they would have housekeeping, sewing, and child-care classes.



Full of praise for that which the Lord has done in the past, we turn toward the future where there remains much to do, while counting on Him to direct us.—*Jean-Louis Steudler* ▼

It's Not too Early to Plan for 1969!

Every church should be planning to send their pastor and the number of delegates to which they are entitled to the NFBC 1969 conference at Winona Lake, Indiana. Plan now to care for this expense by putting it in your church budget for 1969 . . . your entire church will benefit.

The 1968 conference set new attendance records in the number of delegates in attendance, those present for the CE convention, and the youth conference. Of greater importance, however, are the lasting spiritual benefits in the lives of each person who came. Plan *now* to come next year!

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

"Lord, we thank you for the missionaries. They are like the bones in our bodies, they give strength to our churches." This prayer, recently uttered by one African pastor, pictures in a unique way the role of the missionary in Central Africa at present.

Our desire and goal for the African churches of the future is, however, to see African pastors replacing missionaries as the bone and fiber that gives strength to this body of churches. While the level of education in Africa rises rapidly, the enemy is working overtime to indoctrinate the educated African youth in many philosophies of error: Catholicism, Communism, and Mohammedanism, plus false sects and cults too numerous to mention. These adversaries accuse African Christian leaders of being the unlearned and unwitting "dupes" of the missionary. Our challenge for the future is to prepare African Christian workers on an increasingly higher educational and spiritual level. The African churches need Christian leaders who can stand and gainsay the adversaries—those who can say: "We know and understand your philosophies, we have weighed them and found them wanting. We are convinced that they cannot in any way compare with the true philosophy found in God's inerrant Word." Leaders like this are the "African bones" needed to strengthen the new generation of African churches.



When this kind of trained leadership is provided, more self-sufficient African churches will be the result. We will see Africans preparing and producing Christian literature that will reach African minds. We will see a missionary program planned, directed, and supported by Africans, reaching out to the still-unreached. We will see better-qualified African teachers staffing the Bible schools to teach better-qualified African students. We will see African doctors and nurses reaching African souls while they heal their bodies. We will see African youth workers challenging African youth, even in the highest-level schools of the land.

The future for the African Brethren churches is bright, its horizon limited only by the amount of faith—theirs and ours—to believe God's promises. Let the Brethren churches of the United States demonstrate their faith by sending dedicated Bible-teaching missionaries to prepare tomorrow's leaders, to counsel with them, and then to rejoice with them as together we see the African churches strengthened until, indeed, they are able to "stand fast (with us) in one spirit, with one mind, striving for the faith of the Gospel."

—Rev. Marvin L. Goodman ▼

Called to Brazil



To further her education in the things of the Lord, Miss Kwang Ja Park left her homeland in Korea and came to the United States. Now, through His continued leading, she anticipates the unique possibility of serving Him by working with Japanese people who live in the Amazon area of Brazil. This, however, may be only one phase of her ministry when she arrives on the mission field to which she has been appointed by the board of trustees of Brethren Foreign Missions.

The daughter of fine Korean Christian parents, Kwang Ja came to know Christ as her own personal Saviour early in her life. She is a graduate of a mission high school and also a Korean theological seminary. She came to the U.S. in 1964 aided by interested American Christians who have helped her financially. For a year and a half she attended Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham, Alabama, and then the Lord directed her to Grace Theological Seminary. She was a member of the most recent graduating class, receiving her master's degree in religious education.

While attending Grace, Miss Park placed her faith with the Brethren and was received into the membership of the local Brethren church. Her desire to serve with the denomination brought her to consider foreign missions, and the Lord laid His hand upon her for Brazil.

Presently engaged in deputation, seeking funds for her outfit and total support, Kwang Ja anticipates returning to Korea before the end of this year. After a short visit with her family, she is scheduled to go to Japan for about six months of language study, and then to proceed directly to Brazil. ▼

Missionary Helpers at Warsaw, Indiana

Here are two groups of active Missionary Helpers from the Community Grace Brethren Church of Warsaw, Indiana, who got together to have their picture taken.

Back row: Randy Miller, Stanley Martin, Meri Higgins, Mary Male, Rachel Moser, Debbie Jordan.

Center row: Melody Jordan, Helga Linn, Wendy Moser, Melana Higgins, Sharon Linn.

Front row: Phoebe Jones, Dianne Jordan, Philip Shaull, Laurie Malles, Connie Jordan, Robyn Johnson, Karise Jones, Heidi Linn.

Their leaders were Miss Georgia Eikenberry, Miss Norma Stech, Mrs. Lorraine Tasker, and Miss Marilyn Leedy.

There are many interesting things in this picture. Can you read the official MHC verse which is on the wall behind the children? Then look at the posters they are holding of each of our seven foreign mission fields and the missionaries.

In the past several months these MH'ers have heard interesting missionary speakers, including Mrs. Dunning, Dr. Jobson, Rev. and Mrs. Churchill, Rev. and Mrs. Leech, and Rev. and Mrs. Julien. They have also heard testimonies from Grace College students who were summer missionaries.





BACK TO AFRICA

Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber have served the Lord in Africa for many years. After being in the U.S. for a year of furlough, they just returned to Africa in October. Since Dr. Taber is the only medical doctor on the field, he is a very busy man. Pray that the Lord will help Dr. Taber with all his work, and also that He will bless Mrs. Taber as she teaches Africans.

HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY—





Team member Jim Shipley takes his turn at a Brazilian mount.

It Happened in Brazil!

By Rev. Bill Smith

Director,
Board of Evangelism

Brazil is a land with so much undeveloped promise that it may someday turn into one of the world's great nations. In the twenty-two states of Brazil are thirty-two cities with populations over 100,000, which shows the capabilities the nation has.

Most of the wealth of Brazil comes from its crops and mineral resources. It ranks first in the world in coffee production, and second in cane sugar, cocoa, and corn. Within the boundries of Brazil is a great expanse of forest and about one-third of the world's iron ore deposits, plus rich preserves of gold, nickel, and semi-precious stones.

All the statistics, however, are not so bright. Only five per cent of the good farming land is being put to good use. Half of the people in the country are illiterate. The average person's income is only $200 a year, which does little to help the extremely high infant mortality rate.

Into this multi-form, spectacular country, The Board of Evangelism sent an evangelistic team. For six weeks, this team of three, financed by gifts sent to the board, declared the truth that God so loved the world and that He sent His Son so that people in Brazil could have forgiveness of their sins and know for sure that they would spend



Tent meeting at Belem—Ralph Schwartz standing at rear of crowd.

eternity in heaven. As a result of this ministry, one hundred-and-fifty Brazilians made a public decision to trust in Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour.

Mr. Eddie Miller, our contact man in Brazil who serves as a missionary under The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church writes: "The team have all been very considerate and nice to get along with. Many times we have had to make long trips after meetings, but we never heard them complain. The messages were good, simple, right to the point, and easy to translate. The chalk talks were very well liked since it was a novelty and helped attract large crowds. The people here want to know—when are they coming back."

The population of Brazil is predominantly Negro and white, with about one-fourth of the people of mixed races. Half of the Brazilians are under eighteen, and about six million children do not attend school simply because there are not enough schools.

Brazilians are very warm and friendly, but they are also careless in many aspects. Many things just do not work quite right. Traffic jams and parking are enormous problems in the cities, but the solution is often a rash, spur-of-the-moment decision by policemen.

But we believe that all the effort, cost and planning involved in having our team in Brazil was worth it. We are thankful to God for every soul that was led to Christ and for every person who was brought face to face with his personal need of knowing Jesus Christ. ▼

"We are thankful to God for every soul that was led to Christ."

Evangelist Scott Weaver with a charming little Brazilian child.



Popular Translations



Some twenty-five new modern speech English translations have appeared since 1930 out of which about twenty have survived to remain in print today. Why do we need so many or any more new ones? Probably because each author feels the inadequacies of the previous versions in certain aspects which he in turn sets out to correct.

Good News for Modern Man has had an unexpected sales boom since it was published about eighteen months ago. Nearly one million copies have been sold and orders are coming in at the rate of thirteen thousand a day. One supermarket in Alabama had a Bible "special" and sold more than eight thousand copies.

The Chicago *Daily News'* Robert J. Herguth reported recently in his column this striking fact: "Three years ago the favorite reading of the GI's in Vietnam was James Bond spy novels. Now the top-selling paperback is *Good News for Modern Man,* a modern version of the Bible."

Good News for Modern Man steers, in our opinion, a healthy course between the inaccuracies of excessive paraphrase that have spoiled so many recent translations and the obscurity of meaning in the more literal versions.

Good News for Modern Man has the combined strengths of general accuracy with everyday language, conservative handling of the text, and general theological faithfulness to the intent of Scripture. Interesting line drawings on most every page, outlines and cross references of the general material, and a glossary of Bible terms at the rear offer several added and helpful features to this new translation.

The *Good News for Modern Man,* however, contains in our judgment some weaknesses of various types which the reader should notice. While interpretive paraphrase happily runs low, the respected translator, Dr. Robert G. Bratcher, has unnecessarily biased the translation in a few places toward a particular interpretation of the text. For example in I John 5:6, "He came with the water of his baptism and the blood of his death" has interpreted the words "water" as his "baptism" and "blood" as his "death." The different "tongues" of I Corinthians 12 and 14 which may well be languages are rendered as "strange sounds," which is not justified by the Greek text and biases the interpretation toward ecstatic utterances.

Some criticism has been offered in the way the version translates certain passages referring to the "blood" of Christ by the "death" of Christ (cf. Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:20, Rom. 3:25, 5:9, Acts 20:28, I Peter 1:19, Rev. 1:16). While it would be easy to accuse the author of theological motives in these cases, the fact that in numerous other places the word "blood" is retained (cf. Luke 22:20, John 6:53-56, I Cor. 10:16, 11:27, Heb. 9:22) seems to indicate the translator is not opposed to this concept but has been motivated out of concern for modern readers' understanding that the "blood" was often used as a synonym for "death" in ancient days (cf. Matt. 27:4, 25).

Similarly, the word "ransom" (Mark 10:45, I Tim. 2:6) is correctly rendered "to redeem," which reflects an alternate English equivalent of its Greek base. It would be unfair to accuse the author of theological bias in this type of translation.

Interestingly, while some versions play down the deity of Christ, this version has strengthened one passage even beyond the King James Version. In II Peter 1:1 the "righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" of the KJV is the "righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ" in the Good News Version.

While it is difficult to confer upon any modern version an unqualified endorsement of all its renderings, this translation seems to be generally accurate, lucid and free from any serious doctrinal deviations. It should prove helpful to many in understanding the New Testament message and worthy of wide distribution at its nominal price. *—Alan F. Johnson*

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Open Letter to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Dear Brethren Family:

If this were an article instead of a letter I should title it: *Three Rabbis, But One Question.* To the person who knows anything at all about our Jewish friends, such a concept is a real switch, for it is often lovingly said: "Get three Jews together and you immediately have four different opinions." Yet just last week a rabbi said to us: "I know that what we three most wish for is a chance to begin life over again." But that's getting ahead of my story.

A couple of years ago three rabbis serving their synagogue together as the preacher, cantor and principal of the synagogue school, began studying the Talmud (writings of the Jewish fathers) together. "At first it was fun, but before long it became dull, boring and irrelevant to the needs of people today. So we turned to a study of the prophets. This raised so many questions we couldn't answer, we decided to seek help from some representative of the Christian religion. We spent hours in secret meetings with a priest some 150 miles from the town where we live. Before long we discovered this man could not answer many of our questions, perhaps because he was so hung up on church ritual and polity which we could not appreciate. He even told us if we were not happy with Judaism we should renounce it and have no religion! We next turned to Jehovah's Witness but soon felt and saw its emptiness. They certainly did not, nor could they answer our questions with any degree of rationality."

The rabbi was sitting across from us in our office when he unfolded this amazing story. Now he poignantly asked: "Can you help us? We need counsel and guidance. We three are convinced that Jesus is Messiah (from their own reading and study of the O.T.) and two of the three wives are also. We know we will suffer social, family and financial ostracism when we convert. We have family responsibilities and will need to get into some secular-type business to support them.

We cannot go on teaching and preaching what we don't personally believe or subscribe to. How can we go to the bedside of a sick or dying person and tell him to have faith when we don't have it in that religion ourselves? Judaism is all wrong. How can we begin life over again?"

What a thrill it was to tell these men that life begins again in Christ, their Messiah-Saviour, and to help them see that Judaism is not all wrong; it is just incomplete. It was also a thrill to tell them the "Law is a schoolmaster to bring (them) to Christ."

This wonderful story is just beginning to unfold. As you rejoice in this evident moving of the hand of God, will you pray for us as we counsel and work with these rabbis and their families, as they make this, the most important step they ever will have taken in their lives? Pray for their understanding of the Scriptures; they have as yet many pressing, unanswered questions. Pray for meaningful work for the support of their families. Their religious training is sufficient for synagogue service, but inadequate for most secular jobs.

Are you discouraged? Re-read this story and rejoice in the power of God's Word. Use it more and your own word less. "For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

Yours faithfully for the rescue of "the lost sheep of the House of Israel,"

Robert and Althea Miller

Church News

WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO. The congregation of the Grace Brethren Community Church had a combination farewell-welcome dinner on Sept. 29, as they bade farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Horace Mohler, terminating a pastorate of seven and one-half years, and greeted incoming Pastor and Mrs. Harold P. Combs and family who began their ministry Oct. 1. Gifts of snack trays, rugs, and cash were given the Mohlers in appreciation for their past service of love.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The Los Altos Brethren Church has welcomed Mr. Mark Levering and his wife Evalyn as Youth Pastor. Mark is in his fourth year at Cal State College at Long Beach, with future plans to enter seminary and then the ministry. Harold B. Penrose, pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Dr. Orville Jobson was the guest speaker at both morning and evening services of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church on Sept. 28. Robert D. Kern, pastor.

LA HABRA, CALIF. Rev. Roy Howard, returned missionary from the Brethren Mission at Calexico, performed the marriage ceremony for his daughter Favy and Alex Montoya. Mr. Montoya is the first bi-lingual convert of the Calexico mission to prepare for full-time Christian service. Rev. Robert Hill, pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Rev. M. L. Myers, pastor of the First Brethren Church, began a series of 33 timely messages on the book of Revelation on Oct. 13.

MEYERSDALE, PA. Gospel recording artist, Alan McGill presented a full 90-minute program of Gospel music at the Grace Brethren Church here. Mr. McGill's records are used on hundreds of Gospel broadcasts throughout the country, and he has worked with such evangelists as Oswald J. Smith, Hyman Appleman, T. W. Wilson, J. Vernon McGee, and Donald G. Barnhouse. Robert Burns, pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Progress is continuing on the new chapel of the First Brethren Church, with the arch trusses for the auditorium soon to be erected. More than $30,000 of the building notes still must be sold before the building is completed. Elias D. White, pastor.

LAST-MINUTE REMINDERS! Orders for church offering envelopes for the 1969 calendar year may still be placed. Delivery guaranteed prior to Jan. 1—send your order to the Missionary Herald Co. for prompt processing. The heavy Christmas mail will slow deliveries of your Sunday school materials for the Jan.-Mar. quarter. Order blanks have been placed in the mail, and all Sunday school secretaries and superintendents are urged to mail their orders to the Missionary Herald Co. no later than Nov. 12.

FINDLAY, OHIO. Mr. Robert Farmer showed slides of the mission work at the Chateau in France on Sept. 29, at the Findlay Brethren Church, after a stop there while visiting his son stationed in Germany. Mrs. Bruce Button showed slides of the Brethren Messianic Testimony on Sept. 15. Glenn R. Coats, pastor.

HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church observed 10 new believers in Christ entering the waters of baptism on Sept. 29. The service was held in the Whittier First Brethren Church. On Oct. 6, Mr. Henry Brucker, a one-time Nazi Sergeant who found Christ, spoke to a large attendance of 80 in the morning service. Frank Dunigan, pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA. On Sunday, Sept. 29, Dave Plaster, a sophomore at Grace College who traveled to France to work at the Chateau Mission, showed slides presenting the work there. Robert D. Crees, pastor.

BARBERTON, OHIO. The months of August and September were busy at the First Brethren Church here. The VBS closed with an average attendance of 109, a record for the program. During August, Irene Sonnanstine spent 25 days with the Phil Guerena family in Mexico City under the TIME program co-sponsored by the Christian Education Department and the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. The church held a missionary conference Sept. 28-30 with the Roy Snyders, George Johnson, and Lois Miller. Kenneth Cosgrove, pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF. The Community Brethren Church held its annual Father-Son Banquet on Sept. 30. The program was planned around the theme of first-aid and household accidents. Mr. Robert Garr of the Los Angeles City Fire Department was the guest speaker. The dinner was "round of beef." Ward A. Miller, pastor.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Miss Miriam Gilbert was awarded a special citation for her sustained superior performance in her work in the Surgeon General's Office. A check, which accompanied the citation, was presented with the suggestion that she use it for something very special when she takes her trip to the Holy Land.

FORT WAYNE, IND. During the past four weeks, there have been nine baptisms and 11 additions to the church membership of the First Brethren Church. M. L. Myers, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
York, Pa.	Nov. 3-8	Kenneth Wilt	Nathan Meyer
Sidney, Ind.	Nov. 3-10	A. Rollin Sandy	John Davis
Brookville, Ohio	Nov. 10-17	Clair Brickel	Dean Fetterhoff
Dayton, Ohio	Nov. 10-17	G. Forrest Jackson	Scott Weaver
Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Nov. 18-24	M. L. Myers	Dean Fetterhoff

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Dr. and Mrs. George O. Peek were honored by the congregation of the North Long Beach Brethren Church with an anniversary celebration on Oct. 6, observing 20 years of service to the church. The membership of the church when they first came was 235. Today it has grown to 1,457, with a Sunday school attendance of around 1,600.

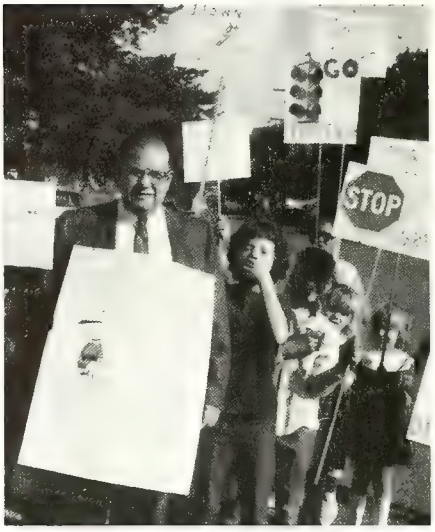
HARRISBURG, PA. There were 50 decisions, 16 of which were confessions of Christ as Saviour, during the recent meetings with Rev. Nathan Meyer at the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church. On the final night, there was an overflow crowd of 328 at the service. Earle E. Peer, pastor.

NOTICE. Churches considering new hymnals are invited to request samples and obtain prices from the Missionary Herald Co. Individuals, Sunday-school classes or other groups may wish to consider giving them to the church, and extended payment terms are available if desired. Samples of the various hymnals and complete price information may be obtained from Charles Koontz, The Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Remember that the proceeds from your purchases are used to expand the free literature ministry of the Missionary Herald Co.

CHANGES. Rev. Thomas D. McClellan is the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Seal Beach, Calif. His address is 6101 Fenley Dr., Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647. Phone 714-842-1182. Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood Durkee, 1100 College Ave., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Please change your *Annual.*

JENNERS, PA. On Oct. 6, the Sunday school of the Grace Brethren Church became completely departmentalized. Recent construction of concrete block partitions in the basement area of the church added to this plan. Inasmuch as the labor was donated by the men and women of the congregation, the partitions only cost the church $300. On Sept. 25, the congregation held a fellowship supper to celebrate Pastor James F. Hoffmeyer's birthday. He was presented a love gift to purchase a Grace College class ring.





Part of the Toppenish group which took part in the demonstration. At right is Pastor Sam Horney leading some of the young people.

HARRAH, WASH. Rev. Sam Horney, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Toppenish, Wash., took seriously the challenge of the Harrah Brethren Church to a Sunday school contest. On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 1, Rev. Horney and a group from his congregation appeared in front of the Harrah church to "demonstrate." The group carried placards reading "Your American Heritage—Demonstrate"; "Stop Harrah"; "Pray for your enemies—that they will lose"; "Harrah Unfair"; "Don't Run—Riot"; and "Go With Toppenish." Rev. Charles Winter, pastor at Harrah, promised "retaliation." In the meantime, both congregations are set to break records.

NOTICE. Brethren families in the Palmdale-Lancaster, California, area interested in forming a Bible class are invited to contact Rev. Carl Sundin, 45524 11th St. W., Lancaster, Calif. 93534. Ph. WH 8-2708.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Ronald Traub of the Los Altos Brethren Church was awarded The Army Commendation Medal and The Air Medal for outstanding military service. Between April 1967 and April 1968, he actively participated in more than 25 aerial missions over hostile territory. He also earlier received two Purple Heart medals. Harold B. Penrose, pastor.

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Shirley Ellen Ketchum and Fleming Bowden Haralson, Sept. 28, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Kathy Seabranch and Steve Shaw, July 20, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Favy Howard and Alex Montoya, Aug. 10, La Habra Brethren Church, La Habra, Calif.

Deborah Jean Fowler and Craig Griffin, Aug. 26, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Marcia Wheeler and Bob Collins, Oct. 5, First Brethren Church, Sterling, Ohio.

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

EVERLY, Earl, a member of the Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren Church since 1932 died suddenly on June 28. David L. Hocking, pastor.

HUME, Mrs. Hazel, teacher of remedial reading at Brethren Elementary School and member of the Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren Church, died on July 8. David L. Hocking, pastor.

SEELIG, Mabel, a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. David Hocking, pastor.

SHIERY, Mrs. Annie, an ever-faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa, passed away Oct. 6. James Marshall, pastor.

TRIMBATH, John, a very faithful member of the Johnstown, Pa., First Brethren Church, died on Oct. 4. Daniel J. Grabill, pastor.

Meet Our WMC Birthday Missionaries 1968—1969



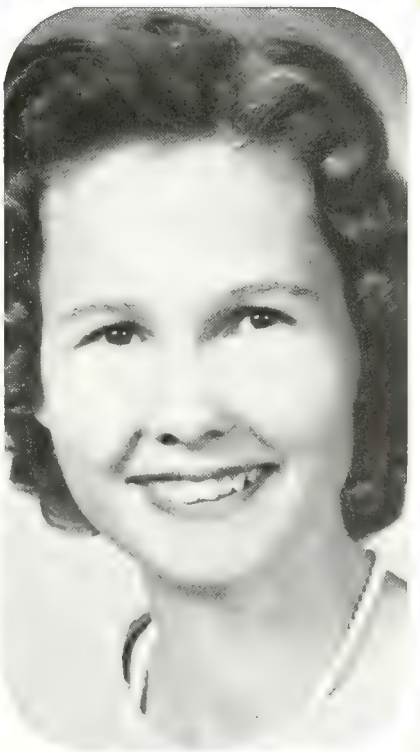
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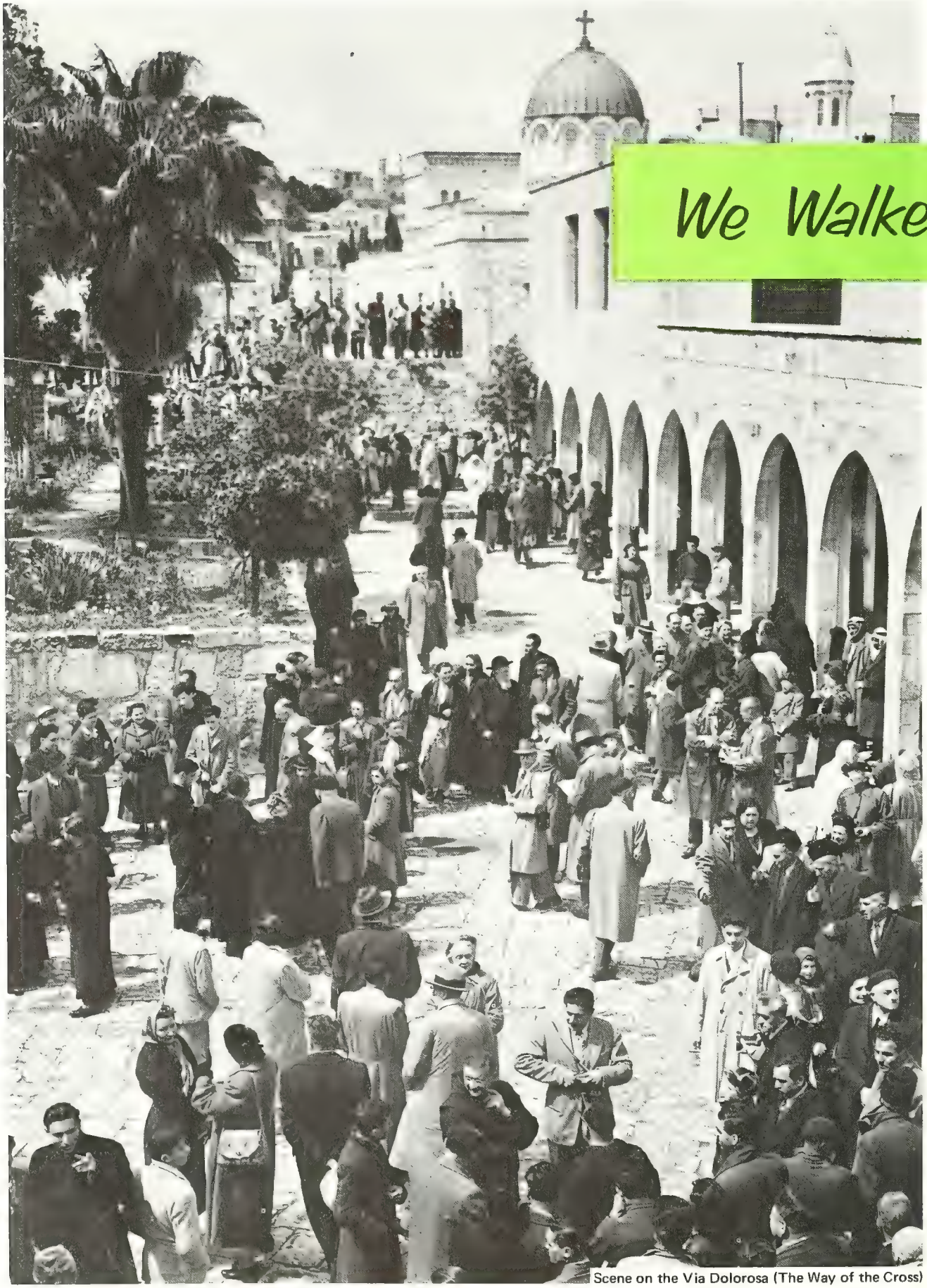
Mrs. Phillip (Amy) Guerena
Mexico



Mrs. Don (Betty) Hocking
Africa



Mrs. Harold (Marguerite) Dunning
Africa



Scene on the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross)

By Mrs. Leo Polman

oday Where Jesus Walked

A dream is fulfilled! Here we are in Israel. I must share with you our very first day in Jerusalem!

Zachariach, our Arab guide, took us first to the Mt. of Olives. A small "Chapel of the Ascension" there is the supposed spot our Lord went to heaven and where He will return when He comes back to the earth. Zech. 14:4, "And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem on the east. . . ."

Looking across the Kidron Valley is a most beautiful view of the old city of Jerusalem, surrounded by the wall. The "dome of the rock," often called, "Mosque of Omar," in plain view, is now a Mohammaden Mosque. Some day the Jewish temple will be there. The Golden Gate is still walled shut, until opened when the "King of Glory shall come in."

Then we went to the Garden of Gethsemane! There are eight large old olive trees in the garden. These may have been there when Jesus prayed with His disciples. Gethsemane means "olive oil press." The garden probably belonged to a friend of Jesus, for He felt free to go there to pray.

The "Church of All Nations" is in the garden with bullet holes in the alabaster windows. Wars always leave scars—in windows and in hearts.

Our next visit was to the wailing wall—all that is left of their temple—the western wall. It is a blessing to see Jews, free to come and go as they please, pray, read the Old Testament Scriptures—the Torah, write prayers, vows and blessings and stick them in the cracks of the wall. After twenty years of restrictions, they count this their greatest victory—to be able to return to the wailing wall. Someone said, "It is a bridge from the glory of the past to the hope of a glory in the future" for Israel.

Many orthodox and ultra-orthodox Jews called Yeshamites come daily to pray. Women are on one side of a fence, men on the other. The Yeshamite men and boys have short-cropped hair, with a little curl hanging down each side of their head by the ear. They wear large, black hats and long, black coats.

A Jewish neighbor, at home, asked for some soil from Israel. One day we took a plastic bag and spoon and asked for permission to take some soil from the wailing wall. Our friend said that every Jew hopes for some soil from Israel to be put in his casket. Reading Psalm 102:14 from the *Living Psalms,* "For your people love every stone in her walls, and feel sympathy for every grain of dust in her streets," we understood her desire.

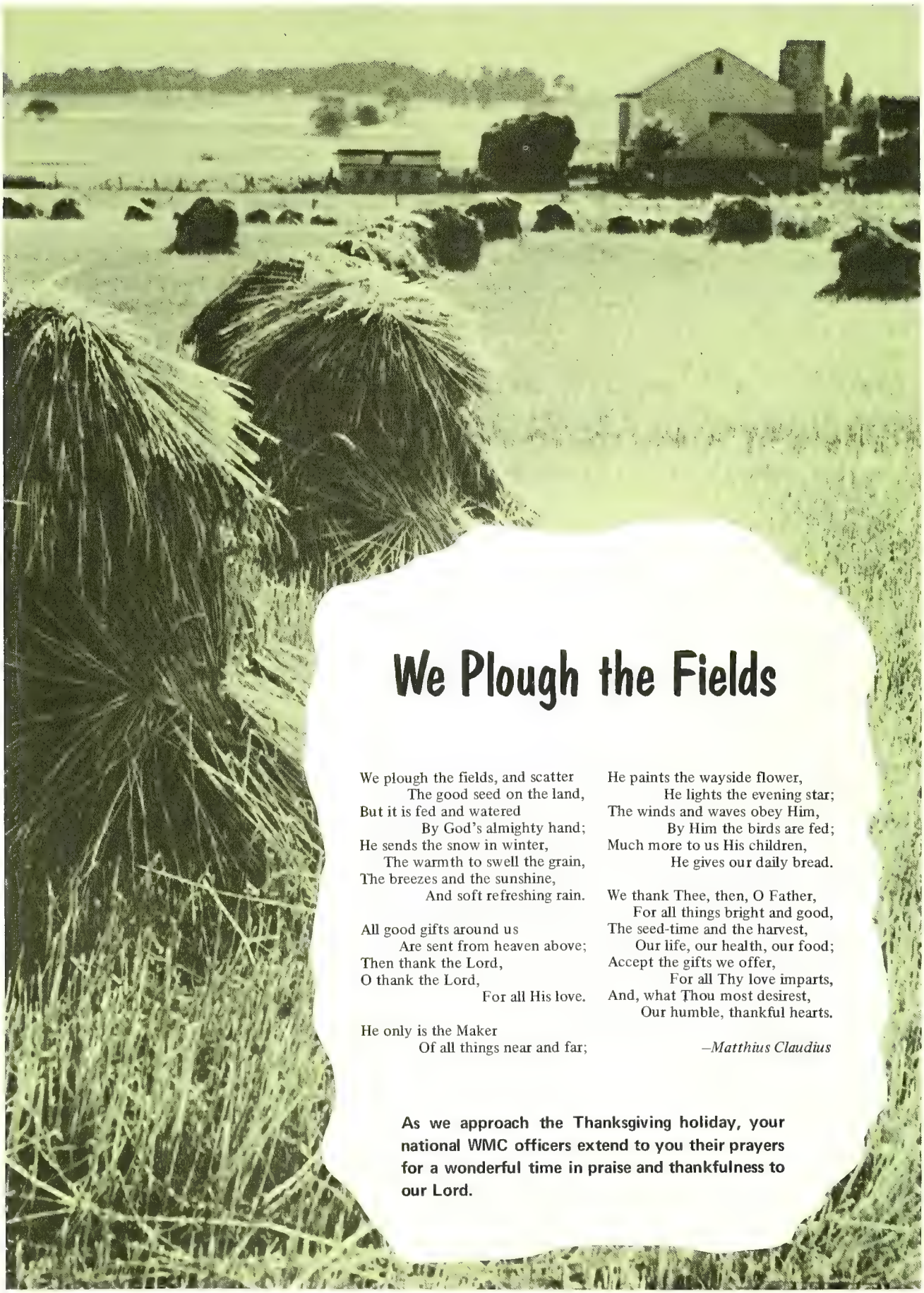
"We climbed the hill of Calvary... there we stood and wept and prayed..."

Calvary's Hill (Gordon's Calvary) where most Christians believe is the probable place where Jesus was crucified, is just outside the Damascus Gate. It is easy to see the holes in the hill, which look so much like a skull. Golgatha means "cranium," "the place of the skull."

Our greatest thrill was early one morning when we literally climbed the hill of Calvary! We had missed the path and climbed among the Arab graves to the top of Calvary. There we stood and wept and prayed—a never-to-be-forgotten moment! We were told it was in the vicinity of Calvary that was the most dangerous spot in the recent war.

Then we went to the Garden Tomb which is very near Calvary. We took turns, three or four at a time, as we went into the empty tomb. Our hearts were full as we sang "The Old Rugged Cross," "In the Garden," and "He Arose." Our group had a brief service there, with all quoting scriptures concerning the resurrection, and we had prayer.

This is only part of our first day! We wondered if it would be possible to ever have one so wonderful. ▼



We Plough the Fields

We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all His love.

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey Him,
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us His children,
He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer,
For all Thy love imparts,
And, what Thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

—Matthius Claudius

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, your national WMC officers extend to you their prayers for a wonderful time in praise and thankfulness to our Lord.

"The Lord has given us some great spiritual victories"

PIONEERING FOR CHRIST IN ORANGE COUNTY

By Mrs. L. L. Grubb

For quite a few years I have been acquainted with the work of Brethren Home Missions. I have seen many churches started by a small group of people and I have seen these churches grow. Some of them are now self-supporting and helping to start other new churches. But it seems that the greatest thrill in home mission work comes when one is right on the field starting and developing the new church. I am now having that experience.

Orange County in Southern California has been and is today one of the most rapidly growing areas in the nation. From a population of 216,000 in 1950, we now have over 1,300,000 people in the county. Day after day thousands are moving into the area. New subdivisions of houses are being completed all over the county. By 1970 it is predicted that there will be almost 2,000,000 people in the area. So we feel that we are in an area which will be a growing mission field as time goes on.

Seeing this great growth becomes a challenge to evangelize. Since there were so few Brethren churches in Orange County and no home-mission churches, our family prayed about the matter and felt led of the Lord to start another church in the eastern part of the county. So we made a covenant with the Lord to do this.

On Mother's Day, May 14, 1967, we rented the Y.W.C.A. in Santa Ana and started a regular schedule of Sunday services. There were no previous Bible classes and no Sunday school. We started "cold." We did not know how many to expect—ten or fifty. We did run an advertisement in the local paper and made a few telephone calls with the result that we had several families in the first Sunday school and church service. We organized the group at once with the help and support of the Brethren Home Missions Council and began a visitation program. Near the Y.W.C.A. are many offices and businesses, so the response was not very good. Most people were older church members, yet it was certain that many of them were not saved.

After several months we began to look for a church location and another place to meet in a new area. When we discovered the cost of property, it staggered us! We could not find anything for under $30,000 per acre. Most of it was higher than that, and only larger plots of five to ten acres were available. After almost deciding that the Lord did not want us here because no property was available to us, God worked and made it possible for us to purchase three acres right at the intersection of the Garden Grove and Newport freeways where everybody will be able to see the church when it is completed. But the cost was very high!

Then the Lord worked for us again and made it possible to move into a beautiful, English-type church just a half mile from our property. This temporary meeting place will serve us until we can get into the first unit of our building.

The cities of Santa Ana, Orange and Tustin join each other at our church location. Santa Ana is the county seat. The Tustin and Villa Park areas are called "the bedroom of Orange County" because of the large number of beautiful homes. The city of Orange has the largest number of orange groves still remaining in the county. This is our immediate field—this is a great challenge!

Through our visitation program we are now slowly gaining an entrance into several new communities. The Lord has given us some great spiritual victories. Souls have been saved and the church has grown under the blessing of God.

In the meantime, for almost a year we have had a daily radio program on which the Gospel of John has been taught and which has advertised our church. The FM transmitter is right in the center of Orange County.

It is not easy to communicate the Gospel to people in our area. Since it is a very affluent community there is little sense of spiritual need. But we know that God will open doors for us and will give us many souls. We would covet the prayers of all of our WMC ladies each day that we may have the opportunity to give out the Gospel in many different ways.

Just now we are thinking about starting our first WMC. Pray that the Lord will give us direction in this and that it may be a means of winning many women to Christ. We will appreciate the continued interest of all of our WMC's in the Orange County work.

Come and visit us in the orange groves! Many beautiful new homes, apartments and duplexes are being built in our immediate area. Why not come out to Orange County and enjoy the wonderful climate and help us build a home-mission church! Opportunities for jobs or investment are plentiful—or if you are thinking of retiring there is no better place to do it. You could help us and we could help you!

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Suggestions For Your WMC Treasure Chest

Clip this list, or copy it and glue it into your Pen Pointer, *Beyond Our Borders,* for additional suggestions for your WMC Treasure Chest.

Project Chairman: Always have such information at hand. A project note book with ideas gleaned from WMC letters, conference workshops, etc., should be kept.

This list was printed some time ago, but by special request, is being repeated:

Candles Note paper Bath oil
Remnants for curtains Hosiery
Magic markers Desk articles Aprons
Typewriter erasers Rubber bands
Ball point pens and refills Foam rubber
Bible verse plaques Thumb tacks
Paper clips Egg slicer Tupperware
Small hand staplers and refills Doilies
New Christian devotional books Slips
Drip-dry material Salad seasoning (dry)
Grapefruit section cutter Hand cream
Bookends Carrot and potato peeler
Nut chopper Foam rubber insoles
Avon products Dr. Scholl's moleskin
Foot plasters–corn pads Small toys
Shinola–black, brown and white
India ink Pencil sharpeners
Embroidery floss Embroidery needles
Golden books Sheets, twin size
Travel slippers (small, medium and large)
Stretch footies Stretch anklets
Thread (40-60), black and white
Assorted colors rick rack (2 or 3 packages alike)
Sewing box assortment Crepe paper
Christmas, birthday and holiday napkins
Packaged paper plates Masking tape
Sanitary belts Bra repair kit
Shoe strings (black, brown and white)
Bobbi pins and curlers Extension cords
Throw rugs Vanilla extract
Mapeline Jewelry-for gifts
Razor blades–stainless steel Tie clasps
Ribbon and wrapping paper for gifts
Knit or flannel baby shirts–with ties
Plastic curtains Plastic table cloths
Plastic shower curtains Shower caps
Bath mats and toilet seat covers
Artificial flowers Packable sun hats
Sets of buttons (old and new)
Ironing board covers Paring knives
Disposable "wash ups"
Towels and wash cloths (dark ones are nice)
Men's hankerchiefs

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

AFRICA–

Mrs. Albert W. Balzer January 1
B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic

Thomas Daniel McDairmant January 3, 1961
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Thomas McDairmant January 7
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mr. Jean-Louis Steudler January 7
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

David Bruce Hocking January 15, 1957
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Jean-Louis Steudler January 19
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Edwin D. Johnson January 20
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Martin M. Garber January 22
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

David George Peters January 26, 1957
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Minnie Kennedy January 28
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Daniel George Kennedy January 30, 1963
B.P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA–

David Michael Cover January 3, 1965
Marcelo Alvear 703, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.

Ivan Wayne Hoyt January 5, 1958
Avda. Buenos Aires 247, Almafuerte, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.

BRAZIL–

Arthur Allen Burk January 10, 1954
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Curtis Allen Schwartz January 11, 1963
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Rev. George K. Wallace January 30
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

IN THE UNITED STATES–

Charles Loren Churchill January 7, 1951
518 Blackshaw Lane, San Ysidro, California 92073

Mrs. Austin Robbins January 9
6311 B Ocean Avenue, Ventnor, New Jersey 08406

Jeanette Elizabeth Miller January 22, 1951
c/o Mr. Harry Shipley, 60 W. Oak Street, West Alexandria, Ohio 45381

Jonathan Edgar Fay January 28, 1966
1112 Chestnut, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

REMEMBER, LADIES!

This is the last month for the
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This offering is to be given to our home missions point at Taos, New Mexico, to assist in the building of a new parsonage.

GIVE LIBERALLY TO THIS WMC PROJECT

Hi, Girls!

Hi, girls!

By now school is in full swing! That includes classes, football games, school clubs, and homework. Busy, busy, busy! How will we ever find time to keep up with our studies and do all the extra things we want to do? All of us face this problem: little sisters, juniors, middlers, seniors, and even college-career girls.

Perhaps one of those extra things we thought we might like to do was to complete one of the goals of reading the Bible through or memorizing a book of the Bible. But it was just a thought that flashed through our minds; there was no action. How could we ever learn a whole book of the Bible? Why, that would be from one hundred to two hundred verses! It's hard enough just to learn one every month. Or think how much time it would take to read the Bible? Why, Genesis alone has fifty chapters!

The hardest thing in the world to do is to get started on a project like this. We would rather put everything off to the last month, and how can we expect to do anything well at that late date? How do we get started and how do we continue after we do get going?

I began to do some "spying" on the girls around Grace College, and in the Winona Lake area that had memorized Scripture or read the Bible through at some time or other. Here are a few of the secrets I discovered.

Mary Knepper, a freshman at Grace College, used the following steps to read the Bible through. 1. Have a certain time and place for reading the Bible. 2. Read to understand, not just for the sake of reading. 3. Ask about things you don't understand. Find out the answers. 4. Do it with the intention of sticking to it.

Joan Lesh, another freshman, followed a reading guide of reading three chapters each day and five chapters on Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Hall, former National SMM patroness, confided a tip on memorizing that she had given her SMM group. The personal goal of these girls is to memorize I Timothy. There are six chapters, so why not learn one-half of a chapter each month. That isn't any more than ten to twelve verses each month.

One secret that I could add would be to set a definite goal of three or four verses each week. Memorize one every day or every other day. As a new verse is memorized, review each of the others; thus slowly the book is being memorized.

So, girls, let's think once more about our personal goals. Let's decide to either memorize a book or read the Bible and then follow through. Last year our Honor Roll had over thirty names: let's try to double this number or even triple it this year! BEGIN!

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Abrahams of Today

A condensation of the Allegheny District Conference Moderator's address, by Rev. Shimer E. Darr.

Abraham was living with his family and friends in Ur of the Chaldees. One day God said, "Abraham, come out from your people and go with Me." He didn't say where they were going. He simply said that He would show Abraham a good land and would prosper him. He promised to make Abraham's descendants into a great nation. "Leave your home town, your friends, your family, and come along with Me."

Abraham went. The years passed, and God did bless him, and he did become rich. But the particular promise that meant the most to Abraham showed no sign of being fulfilled. Abraham still had no children.

As the years passed, and he and Sarah grew older, they probably became discouraged and thought God's promise was just too great for Him to fulfill. They decided to try to help Him out. The thing they did was a very natural thing in that day and age. For a little while a spark of hope was kindled in their hearts, but that spark soon became a source of fire in their own home and trouble in their hearts.

About twenty-five years after Abraham had left his people, God came to him one day and said, "Your wife Sarah is going to bear a baby boy." And in due time a son was born, and they called him Isaac, which means "laughter." He grew as healthy boys do. He was the pride and joy of his parents. All their hopes for the future were bound up in the life of that little boy.

Then God came to Abraham and said: "I want your son, your only son, the son whom you love. Take him up on a mountain that I will show you, and offer him there as a sacrifice."

It just couldn't be! Was this some other voice than that of the Lord? Was this Satan seeking to destroy his son? No, Abraham knew the Lord, and he knew His voice. Early in the morning he arose and took his son Isaac as the Lord had commanded. It was no trouble for Abraham to wake up that morning, for he hadn't slept all night.

Could you do it? Could I? Perhaps the Lord is speaking to your heart to make some sacrifice for Him—maybe even a sacrifice similar to the one He called Abraham to make, to give your son or your daughter for missionary service.

Perhaps it is your own life. Perhaps He is asking you to give up your business, your career, for Him. Perhaps He is asking you to give up something of a material nature—that beautiful home that you have dreamed about for years, that automobile that you have your heart set upon.

You may say, "But Abraham believed that God would restore Isaac to him." Don't you believe that God can and will restore to you that which you lay upon the altar? He says He will. He says He will restore it many times over.

God did not fail Abraham, and God will not fail you. He is the same today as He was then.

He has no way of getting His work done except through us. Unless we return to Him of the abundance He has so freely given to us, there is no way for His work to progress.

Abraham, in his earlier days, would have been satisfied to have Eliezer, his servant, to be his seed. But God refused. Neither would He permit Ishmael to be the heir. God doesn't want substitutes.

He is asking us to sacrifice something for Him. It is something that is precious to our hearts. If He has given it to us, cannot He ask that we turn it over to Him?

Let us have the confidence of Abraham to believe that God is able to restore to us the things most precious to our hearts, if we will but lay them upon the altar for Him.

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The Editor Speaks . . . By Clyde K. Landrum

"Take Me to Your Leader"

"Take me to your leader," a thought taken from a popular automobile commercial is appropriate for today. For months now, we have been in the process of choosing a president and other elected leaders. The situation has been so confusing during this election campaign and through the tragic months preceding, that we need to stop and clear our minds through discussions with these elected leaders. We should not just tell them what we want them to do, but also we should advise them that we as Christians desire to support them as our leaders. Assuming that we could be brought face to face with these leaders, here are a few things that we possibly should say to them:

+ The Bible admonishes us to support those who are in authority over us; we therefore respect you, Mr. President (Governor, Senator, Congressman, and so on). We promise to pray for you, and to do our part to assist you in your office as you seek to carry out your mandate to administer a government ". . . of the people, by the people, for the people."

+ Please work for peace in our land that our citizens may be able to carry on in an uninterrupted manner our various legitimate activities.

+ We hope you endeavor to make and keep our nation one nation, denying to no race or group their inalienable rights; but not allowing the rights of any group to infringe upon the rights of any other group.

+ Endeavor to keep all the people equal as far as our opportunities are concerned. Protect us against favoritism so that opportunity-wise some do not become "more equal than others."

+ Guarantee that no one will be forced to embrace that which he does not want to believe, but guarantee the inalienable rights of all who are open and interested in believing.

+ Maintain the dignity and worth of the individual. While we must work for the well-being of the masses, we must never lose sight of the fact that our nation is made up of individuals; individuals who ultimately determine the destiny of our nation.

+ Maintain the free enterprise system, but protect us against enterprising schemers whether at our front doors or through the mail.

+ While we cannot expect our public schools to be religion-dominated, yet we plead with you to see that we do not allow to be taken from our children's textbooks teachings about God and thereby put anti-God philosophies in a favored position.

+ It is not likely that our secular society would adopt a spiritual code, yet let us not lose sight of the fact that many of our laws have their origin in the Word of God.

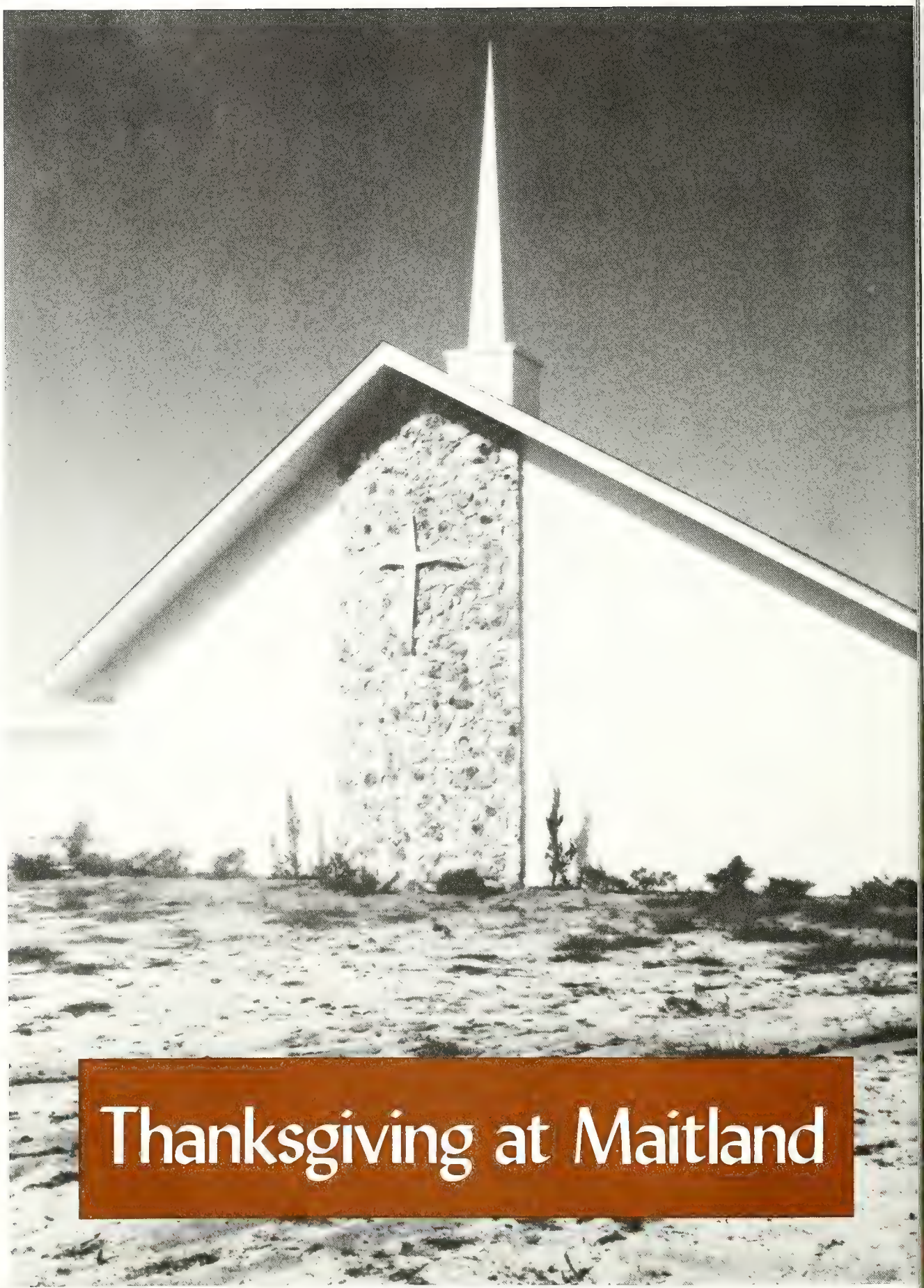
+ Fight godless communism. But at the same time exert your efforts and ours to eliminate those situations which breed communism.

+ Work for freedom and liberty for all nations, discouraging outside interference such as happened in Hungary, and in Czechoslovakia, for who knows where it might happen next!

V *A WISH:* May we as loyal Americans not be guilty of running away from problems, and then criticizing those we left behind because they cannot solve the problems.

V *A PRAYER:* God grant that you might give consideration to God's plan for the individual as outlined in the Bible; the plan whereby God through His Son Jesus Christ can change the life of every individual, giving him salvation eternally, and daily guidance for the problems of this life!

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Thanksgiving at Maitland

On September 22, at 4 p.m., the Grace Brethren Church of Maitland, Florida, was dedicated to the Lord. Rev. Lester E. Pifer, Executive Secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, gave the dedication message and several Brethren pastors of the Florida district took part in the service. The special music was presented by the Christian Brethren Church choir, Okeechobee, under the direction of Mrs. Randall Maycumber.

To God must go the praise for the victories on this climactic day in the history of this church. There were 213 people present with building fund gifts amounting to $2,122.50. People from other Florida Brethren churches brought gifts for the building fund. It was gratifying to note that the greater proportion of guests came from surrounding areas of the church. Refreshments were served after the service and the educational unit was filled to capacity to care for the crowd.

The history of this church is a modern record of God's leading from the very beginning when three Brethren families began weekly prayer meetings November 29, 1964, in the Hubert Finfrock home in Winter Park. Later Sunday services were started and continued for three months in an Orlando bank building. Then the little group began meeting in the Dale Wineland home in Orlando for Sunday services with midweek prayer meetings in the Finfrock home. John Lapp and his family came from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to assist in the work. He served from April, 1965, to October as the interim pastor until Rev. and Mrs. Herman Koontz began their pastoral duties. October 17 the church was organized with 13 members while still meeting in the Wineland home. The Vernon Latham family has been a part of this work from the beginning, but at the time of organization lived at Melbourne, about 70 miles away. This distance did not keep them from regular Sunday morning attendance. On the day the church was organized Brother Lapp informed the congregation that he and his family would be moving to Winona Lake, Indiana. This reduced the resident members to three families including Pastor and Mrs. Koontz. But even with this loss there was no discouragement for all knew that God was going to build a Brethren church in Central Florida in His own time.

By Herman W. Koontz

The church obtained the use of the Maitland Christian Day School building in December, 1965, continuing there until the building was converted into office space. A room was made available in a new professional building in Altamonte Springs, north of Maitland, at the very time the church had to move.

It was this month that God revealed definitely to the congregation where it should locate. Ground for which the owner had wanted $17,000 a year-and-a-half before, was sold to the church for $7,000. A driveway south of this plot was obtained for $250, giving the church a little over two and one-third acres of choice land in one of the fastest growing residential areas of Greater Orlando and close to several major highways. Ground was broken for the present building on October 15, 1967. A goal of $7,000 had been set to complete the payment of the land and the architect's fee in 1967. With additional money given by October 15 this goal was reached. The building program was started the latter part of February 1968 and July 7 the first services were held in the educational unit of the new building. The latter-part of July the church decided upon a building fund goal of $2,000 to be reached through Dedication Day. When the offerings were totaled at the end of Dedication Day the amount was $2,677.50.

The building is of concrete block construction containing 5200 square feet. It is fully carpeted except for the foyer and hall, which are tiled; is air-conditioned and heated electrically. The sanctuary has the laminated-arch type ceiling with paneling back of the pulpit and choir loft. Other ceilings are of acoustical tile. The sanctuary will seat 240 and contains at the present sufficient pews for the congregation. Additional pews will be added as the church grows. The inside walls are an off-white and white drapes with red fringe to match the walls and floor covering are hung in front of the baptistry. An adequate church office is provided on one side of the baptistry and a choir room on the other side. The educational unit, with the use of dividers, can accommodate six classrooms. A kitchenette is recessed off the Sunday-school area. The back of the sanctuary will be divided with portable partitions for more classrooms.



Dr. and Mrs. Herman Koontz

One of the most attractive rooms is the nursery. A portico is over the rear entrance. A macadam parking lot, accommodating 60 cars, surrounds two sides of the building. The entire cost of the building, land, and so on, is a little under $70,000 with a debt of $49,000. There is a beautiful Grace Brethren church building today in Central Florida because The Brethren Home Missions Council, the Florida district mission board, a host of friends throughout the country and a faithful group of local people were led of the Lord to give sacrifically and abundantly.

The Brethren Architectural Service, Winona Lake, Indiana, supplied the plans and the Brethren Investment Foundation made the necessary loan. Edward Heinsen, a local contractor, erected the building under the direction of a church building committee with Vernon Latham as the chairman.

This was an unusual dedication in that Pastor Koontz on this day brought his three-year ministry to a close and Rev. R. Paul Miller, former pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio, was presented as the new pastor. If the Lord's coming is not soon it is our conviction that the next few years will see a number of new Brethren churches spring up in Central Florida having been started by the Grace Brethren Church of Maitland. ▼

Our Thanksgiving to God

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20).

On behalf of our Board of Directors, missionaries and staff of The Brethren Home Missions Council, Brethren Investment Foundation, Brethren Architectural Service and Brethren Construction Crew families, we want to express our gratitude to everyone who prayed, labored and gave financially that the Gospel might be extended to the lost of our beloved country.

God has abundantly manifested His power and blessing in so many ways in Brethren Home Missions during the past year. Souls have been reached, churches became self-supporting, new facilities were dedicated to God, new fields were opened and our Brethren people responded with a fine increase in the offering.

The Brethren Church has much for which to express Thanksgiving to God. Our salvation through Christ, the message of the Word of God, freedom of worship and expression and the joy of witnessing and serving Christ are just a few of the blessings we enjoy daily.

Our Lord continues to impress upon our minds the urgency of the whitened harvest fields right here in America. The things that have transpired this last year in the United States have only emphasized the need of evangelism, revival and more soul-winning churches. We must now look ahead and be prepared for an even greater attack by Satan himself. This preparation will mean greater personal dedication, deeper involvement, greater burden for those in need of a Saviour, the devotion of more time to prayer and digging into our purses a little deeper.

Let us continue in our Thanksgiving to God each day for His blessings upon our nation, the greatest in the world. A nation that enjoys more material blessings than any other, and a nation that has been used to send forth more missionaries than any other.

"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks" (Ps. 75:1).

Maitland – My Macedonia

By Rev. R. Paul Miller

"Come over into Maitland and help us," was the prayer of a small group of believers in the rapidly growing Orlando area. After we learned of the need, immediately we made every effort to get to Maitland, convinced that the Lord had called us to preach the Gospel unto them.

The city of Maitland is not large, but sizable new housing developments are in abundance. One developer told me that his company is building houses at the rate of nearly one every twenty-four hours. With the coming of Disney World (to be in operation late 1970 or early 1971), just a few miles southwest of Orlando, it has been estimated that the population of this area will nearly double in the next ten years.

People, people and more people—souls for whom Christ died. It is our earnest prayer that many of them will be "born of the Spirit" through the faithful witness of the believers who fellowship, pray and work together at the Grace Brethren Church of Maitland.

Maitland miracles have been many. We need, pray for and expect many more. Do not miss having a share in what God is going to accomplish. *Pray—Give*—that Brethren home missions may continue this ministry of helping get new churches started in strategic areas like this one.



Rev. and Mrs. R. Paul Miller

Report From Russia

By Rev. Lester E. Pifer

Can it happen here?



Morning worship service of Russian Baptist Church, Moscow, Russia. Every seat was filled, with more standing than sitting.

In the providence of God, I was permitted to travel in eleven countries this past summer. Our tour made its first stop in England where we saw the raw emaciation of English youth. Hippyism, with its long hair, and extreme "minism" was extant on every hand. We saw and heard the reports of Senator Robert Kennedy's murder through English eyes. We received bluntly the sordid facts of crime, degradation and lawlessness which characterizes the most crime-ridden nation on the earth, the United States of America.

Our tour continued into West and East Berlin. We stood amazed at the determination of West Berliners as they have made such marvelous recovery from almost total destruction in the bombings of World War II. New modern highways, ultra-modern architecture, lovely city centers, latest shopping centers and progress was seen in every realm. Crossing the Berlin Wall at "check point Charlie" we viewed East Berlin, too, almost totally destroyed yet sadly lacking in economic and physical progress as was seen on the other side of the wall. Impressions gained from armed soldiers who checked our passports, our bus on the inside and out (even with a mirror on wheels under the bus), the outdated transportation system, the evidence of poverty, lack of and ancient housing, closed churches and fear which could be seen on the faces of the people, pointed to the bondages and tyranny gripping these people. East Berlin is trying desperately to recover with a socialistic communism of force and fear. The progress here speaks little in favor of the "Red" philosophy.

Our departure from East Berlin via the Russian airliner and the trip to Moscow increased the tension of rigid governmental power enforced by armed soldiers on every hand. We were forbidden to take pictures through the windows of the airliner over Russia. We were stopped from taking pictures at the airport on landing, of bridges, railroad centers, and military operations. We saw no riots in the streets or at Moscow University where armed soldiers stood at the doors. There were no lawless rebelling crowds of beatniks, long-haired hippies roaming the streets. Suddenly, we had come into a land of people, excited with its vivid progress and growth but dominated by a strong government enforcing its objectives to the minutest degree. The total capitulation to the communist life, the lack of information from the Western World and the utter subjection presents a dim possibility of change. The Russian people, seemingly ill-informed, work laboriously on national objectives plying every one of talent, trade and tireless effort.

We were told that there were only five churches permitted to hold regular services in this modern Moscow, city of six and one-half million people. We chose to visit on Sunday morning the Russian Baptist Church which in itself is a compression of all evangelical churches into one body. Not one of the six taxi drivers, conveying our group, knew of the location of this church. Our guide was greatly disappointed at our insistance of going to church instead of the tour inside the Lenin Memorial. This writer is aware of the critical attitude held by some of this church, but allow me to make my point.

Our entrance to the church gave one of the most startling discoveries of our lives. The church was full. More people were standing than sitting. These people, over two thousand in that two-hour service, sang and gave every evidence of earnestness, the moving of the Spirit and joy at the hearing of the Word of God. Two English interpreters and our tape recorder bore evidence that the Gospel was preached from the Word of God. The "amens" and emotional responses coming at definite points linked to Scripture could not have been rehearsed or planned by an interpreter. We were thrilled at the movement of the Spirit of God in our hearts, the earnestness of these people and the fact that this church has three midweek meetings and three Sunday meetings.

We were soon aware that these people had no songbooks, the minister giving the words to each stanza as they sang. There were no children and few young people in that great crowd.

There were no Bibles, no offering taken, no invitation to make a public decision. There was no air-conditioning, no decoration except for freshly-cut leaves along the balcony and platform edges and no public address system. We learned later that they did not have songbooks or Bibles and such were forbidden to be shipped into the country.

It was quite apparent that Communist leaders have regulated and enforced rules against the Word of God and its propagation. The absence of young people and children probably is attributed to what is being taught in the schools of Russia against any form of Christianity. The lack of physical needs, no offering income could spell out the bitter end of the church plant and its ministry. Though these older folk were still faithful, eventually it is expected that the church will die out. With the presence of a government "minister" on the platform at every service, my impression was that this church was locked in a communistic vise impossible to release, eventually terminating its effectiveness apart from a miracle of God.

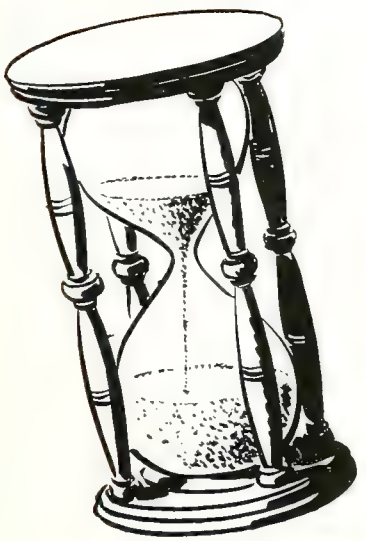
This writer asked the guide, "What is the most exciting thing happening in Russia today?" The answer, "The progress of the American Communist Party in the United States." Brethren, there must be some correlation between the decisions of our high court in its treatment of the American Communist Party, the deterioration of government, law enforcement, moral decay and confusion in educational circles of our nation! The Bible and prayer have been removed from the majority of our schools whether by direct law enactment or public reaction. The educational system controlling many of the schools of higher learning have made the Bible and its teaching their point of attack. Seemingly, Communistic influence coupled with the sinfulness of man has succeeded in promoting an attack upon the Bible and its authenticity in our nation's schools and churches. It is frightening to learn that church leaders have not only condoned such action but are responsible for its advancement.

The Apostle Paul writing to the Ephesians says that the revelation of the Grace of God, the knowledge of the mystery of Christ was given to him for propagation as a special ministry (Eph. 3:1-11). He says that this glorious message was to be made known to all by the church, "the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus the Lord" (Eph. 3:10-11).



Russian Baptist minister of music and English interpreter (left) holding Bibles presented by individuals of Nathan Meyer tour.

Yes, Communism can create such confusion in our government, courts, schools and churches that our Bibles can be taken from us. What has already happened behind the Iron Curtain should be a modern object lesson for us. Certainly, our home-mission goal to build Bible-believing, preaching and teaching churches is vital and very appropriate in this dark hour of our nation's history. ▼



ISN'T IT TIME

YOU THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR FUTURE...?

The future is a funny thing. It's past before you know it. In spite of its brevity there are many things a person can do with it. Take yours for instance. You can plan a future that's centered around yourself and your ambitions, or you can plan one that involves others. If you've planned a future that includes others, the Brethren Investment Foundation would like to be part of it. The B.I.F. needs your help. All around are Brethren causes which need financial aid. The foundation is anxious to assist, but without your participation it's limited in what it can do. Think about it. The Lord has given you your future. . . . Why not give part of it back to Him?

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Who Is Jesus?

By Bruce L. Button

The question "Who is Jesus?" is of vital importance in Jewish mission endeavor. While it is of importance to all phases of Christian endeavor, it is of special significance to those who are of the people of Israel for in this question lies a problem, the solution of which few Jews are willing to face. The Jew has no great trouble seeing the historical figure, Jesus. He is all too aware that Jesus of Nazareth was a real tangible person in history. He has had much evidence of this down through the years, much of this evidence being harsh and unchristian.

Neither does the Saviourhood of Jesus of Nazareth present too much of a problem to the Jewish person when he is constantly contacted with the Gospel of salvation. In his more sane, sober and honest moments he is willing to admit he is a lost sinner, separated from God and in need of salvation. The evidence of his life and the lives of those around him convince him of this. Thus he is able to see the necessity of a plan of salvation and associate himself with such a plan.

Nor is the Messianic aspect of Jesus beyond the Jew's ability to understand and accept. The Old Testament and also his tradition has taught most Jews to expect and await the appearance of some great Jew who will lead Israel to her greatest glory and at the same time crush those ungodly nations and people who would punish and even exterminate the Jew.

However, when you come to the Deity of Messiah, you immediately find another attitude on the part of the Jew. The mind of the Jew has been inscribed with the teaching that God is a single unit. When he thinks of God he sees Him as *one.* Not so much the *only* God (although he does believe this) but a God who is single in all aspects. Thus while the Anointed One can be Messiah of Israel, Saviour of mankind, and while he can be a figure who entered the history of the world 1968 years ago, still he cannot be *God,* the Son! He cannot be Deity according to the mind of the Jew. The Jew can accept Jesus as Saviour and Messiah, and many of them do, but to accept Him as God poses a real problem.

In our dealing with Jewish people we have found a number of them who do accept Jesus as Saviour and Messiah. And these have been looked upon as 'saved people' by other organizations. They had been led to a knowledge of Jesus as Saviour and Messiah but they had never been presented with the fact of the Deity of the Lord Jesus. Recently it was my privilege to deal with three such people here in the mission.

Mrs. Elsie A—, Mr. Alan H—, and Mrs. Jean S— had attended our Bible classes for a period of several weeks. Mrs. Elsie A— attends our Bible Class for the Blind on Monday evenings. Mr. Alan H— and Mrs. Jean S— attend our Wednesday evening Bible Class. All of these people were taught the Word of God to some extent. As I talked with each one of them it became evident that not one believed in Jesus as God, the Son. As I discussed the matter with each one all said, "Jesus is the Son of God but He cannot be God. God is one."

Mr. H— had been dealt with by several different Christians. He had been given one of our tracts and called us by telephone and asked if we had other literature which he could have. We gave him a New Testament and several booklets and tracts. As he read these in the privacy of his own room he received Jesus as Messiah and Saviour but was not led to see Jesus as God. Some weeks later as I dealt with him in his own home, he did see the truth of the Deity of Jesus and recognized Him as his Lord and God.

Mrs. Jean S— came to our meetings because she had been contacted in our house-to-house calling program. She had already confessed Jesus as Saviour and Messiah but as we dealt with her the Deity of Jesus was not believed. She came to our meetings at a time when we were dealing with this truth about the Lord. After several weeks, we were taking her home one evening and as we sat for a few minutes in front of her home she said to me, "Pastor Button, tonight I know what you mean when you say Jesus is God. If He were not God I could have no real Saviour. If He were not God He could not be the real Messiah." Now Jean is really born again! She has confessed Jesus as her Saviour, Messiah and God!

On the second Monday of April Mrs. Elsie A— called to me after the worship portion of our service was finished. "Pastor Button," she said, "can I talk to you for a few moments?" Elsie's questions concerned the Deity of the Lord Jesus. He could not be God. How could He? As we discussed the matter Elsie assured me she did believe the Bible was God's Word and that it should be believed. I took her to God's Word and presented Bible passages which set forth Jesus as God. She was most impressed with the experience of Thomas. "I'm just like him," she said. "Then you had better do what he did and confess Jesus as your Lord and your God," I replied. And this she immediately did. As she left that evening she said, "I have found a wonderful truth this evening." And thus Elsie, too, has been born into the family of God.

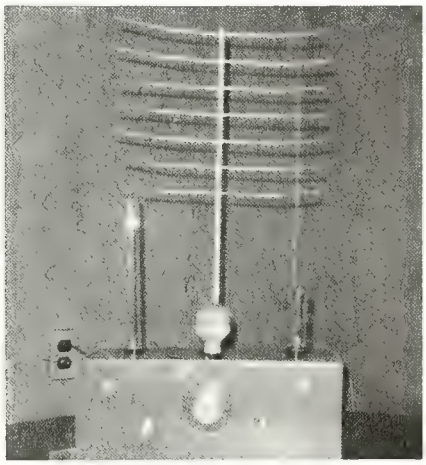
Above all else it is necessary to make sure the Jew (and the Gentile, too, for that matter) is conscious of the fact that Jesus is not just the Saviour and the Messiah; He is more than that, He is the God of creation dying for fallen creatures with whom He desires an eternal fellowship. And He makes this possible as a free gift. ▼



Mrs. Jean S— (left) with Mrs. Button

Church News

NOTICE. The next issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald,* dated Nov. 30, will be *The Brethren Annual.* It will come to you in an envelope, and you will want to keep it for reference during the next year.



ALTOONA, PA. The gadget pictured above is Pastor Robert Russell's idea of a "people puller." He explained to the Sunday School of the First Brethren Church that by flipping a switch, the flashing lights and rotating antenna would bring people to Sunday school and church. Meanwhile, Christians could sit back and relax. Sure enough, when he turned it on, it did not work. He then explained the importance of personal contacts, and that no mere machine could do the job God has assigned to individuals.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Jensen, 6848 E. San Mateo, Paramount, Calif. 90723 (Telephone 213-630-2825). John D. Brock LCDR, 8715 Raejean Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92123.

NORWALK, CALIF. On the first Sunday of Rev. Stanley Jensen's ministry at the Norwalk Brethren Church, three first-time decisions were recorded. This year's Christian Day School enrollment is 333 with a teaching staff of 19. Rev. David Bicker of the speech dept. at BIOLA has been called as minister of music.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. Homecoming Day was celebrated Oct. 20. Rev. Robert Thompson spoke to the newly-organized youth fellowship, and in the evening service he presented a series of colored slides on home missions. There were 142 present in the morning service. James B. Marshall, pastor.

FORT LEE, VA. Chaplain John Talley, Captain of the Chaplains Corps, United States Army, was awarded the Soldier's Medal for "heroism not involving actual conflict with an armed enemy" in the Republic of Vietnam. On July 20, a man obtained an automatic rifle and a full magazine of ammunition, and had positioned himself in a shower facility, shouting warnings to all personnel in the area. After an attempt to talk the man into coming out had failed, Chaplain Talley took great risk and entered the shower room. After a lengthy talk, Chaplain Talley managed to gain possession of the loaded weapon.

KOKOMO, IND. The evangelistic services of the Grace Brethren Church with Rev. Charles Ashman resulted in 30 decisions, 18 of which were for salvation. There were 171 visitors brought in, with one person bringing a total of 36. The average attendance was 105. Herman Hein, pastor.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. Rev. David Thompson, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, became ill at a recent Iowa District pastors' retreat in Wisconsin and required emergency surgery. He is now recuperating at his home in North English.

LISTIE, PA. There were definite signs of the working of the Lord in the meetings with Rev. Mason Cooper at the Listie Brethren Church. A number of decisions were made for salvation, and for rededication. The church is now moving forward with a boys' brigade, a bus ministry, and various physical improvements to church properties. Cliff Wicks, interim pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum were present in the Sunday services of the Grace Brethren Church, on Oct. 13. In the evening service, Rev. Kriegbaum gave a visual presentation on his trip to the Holy Land. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. God marvelously blessed in evangelistic services with the Campbell-Reese Team, Sept. 7-14. There were 53 public decisions, and the average attendance was 300 per night. A letter from Rev. Campbell indicated that this was the finest single-church crusade the team had ever experienced. Robert B. Collitt, pastor.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN. On Oct. 13, Pastor K. E. Richardson announced his resignation to the Grace Brethren Church after three years and three months serving as pastor. In the last week of November, the Richardsons will be moving to Riner, Va., where Rev. Richardson received a unanimous call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church there.

HOLLINS, VA. In a recent crusade at the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church with Allen Herr as evangelist, there were 29 decisions, five of which were for salvation. Pastor Ron Thompson highly recommends the ministry of Brother Herr to churches desiring him for meetings. (He begins a full-time ministry with the Board of Evangelism in January, 1969.-Ed.) The church is currently in an enlargement campaign, and already attendances of 196 and 199 were reached the first two Sundays in October.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Fort Wayne, Ind.	Nov. 18-24	M. L. Myers	Dean Fetterhoff
Columbus, Ohio	Nov. 22-24	James Custer	John Whitcomb
Telford, Tenn.	Nov. 24-Dec. 1	Quentin Matthes	Scott Weaver

HARRAH, WASH. On Nov. 10, the Harrah Brethren Church celebrated the 40th anniversary of its founding in the community. Dr. Charles Mayes concluded a series of meetings at the church on that day, speaking in the morning on God's plan of salvation, and in the evening he brought a message fitting the occasion. A pot-luck supper was served in the church in the afternoon, and there were displays of church photographs and records, some dating back to the beginning of this church. Charles H. Winter, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. At the quarterly business meeting Oct. 23, the congregation of the Winona Lake Brethren Church extended a unanimous three-year call to Pastor Charles Ashman. The new church building currently under construction is progressing very well, and the contractor hopes to have the sanctuary and educational area under roof prior to Christmas.

NOTICE. Those interested in a Brethren church in the St. Petersburg-Clearwater-Largo, Florida area can contact Dr. Herman W. Koontz at 774 Fern Park Blvd., Lot 27, Fern Park, Fla. 32730. The church is located at 5855 - 58th Avenue North, St. Petersburg.

December Bible Reading Calendar

DECEMBER			
DATE	MORNING	EVENING	
1	EZEKIEL 45, 46	II PETER	3
2	EZEKIEL 47, 48	I JOHN	1
3	DANIEL 1, 2	I JOHN	2
4	DANIEL 3, 4	I JOHN	3
5	DANIEL 5, 6	I JOHN	4
6	DANIEL 7, 8	I JOHN	5
7	DANIEL 9, 10	II JOHN	
8	DANIEL 11, 12	III JOHN	
9	HOSEA 1-4	JUDE	
10	HOSEA 5-8	REVELATION	1
11	HOSEA 9, 10, 11	REVELATION	2
12	HOSEA 12, 13, 14	REVELATION	3
13	JOEL 1, 2, 3	REVELATION	4
14	AMOS 1, 2, 3	REVELATION	5
15	AMOS 4, 5, 6	REVELATION	6
16	AMOS 7, 8, 9	REVELATION	7
17	OBADIAH	REVELATION	8
18	JONAH	REVELATION	9
19	MICAH 1, 2, 3	REV.	10
20	MICAH 4, 5	REV.	11
21	MICAH 6, 7	REV.	12
22	NAHUM	REV.	13
23	HABAKKUK	REV.	14
24	ZEPHANIAH	REV.	15
25	HAGGAI	REV.	16
26	ZECH. 1-3	REV.	17
27	ZECH. 4, 5, 6	REV.	18
28	ZECH. 7, 8, 9	REV.	19
29	ZECH. 10, 11, 12	REV.	20
30	ZECH. 13, 14	REV.	21
31	MALACHI	REV.	22

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. On Sept. 29, the Grace Brethren Church held an "Old-fashioned Service." The people caught the spirit of the old-fashioned-days and came in old-time costumes, sang songs that were at least 75 years old, and heard an old-fashioned-sermon by the pastor. On Rally Day, October 6, Lt. Ed Jackson, president of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, spoke in the morning worship hour. A mother and two children confessed Christ as Saviour. Melvin C. Hobson, pastor.

GRASS VALLEY, CALIF. The Grace Brethren Church recently purchased a 37-foot trailer to provide portable classrooms which are needed to accommodate Sunday-school classes. During the month of November, they are entering a Sunday-school contest with the Grace Brethren Church of Sacramento, Calif., the winner taking a large picture of Christ with the engraved award on it. Arthur Pekarek, pastor.

LYNDHURST, OHIO. The Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church has been busy remodeling for the major part of the year. The pastor's study has been renovated, redecorated, and carpeted. The nursery has also been redecorated and carpeted, and the entire basement has new paint, a dropped ceiling, and lay-in lighting fixtures. The parsonage has undergone a complete interior decorating job, and wall-to-wall carpet has been installed throughout. After serving Lyndhurst for over a year as interim pastor and commuting from Norton Village, Rev. Robert Markley has moved into the parsonage and assumed a part-time ministry.

BELLVILLE, OHIO. Rev. Richard Green, a native of Johannesburg, South Africa, conducted a fall evangelistic crusade at the Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church, Sept. 29 to Oct. 6. Average nightly attendance was near the 200 mark, and over 40 decisions were recorded. Rev. Green also had a unique ministry in several local junior and senior high schools. Larry Gegner, pastor.

TUCSON, ARIZ. Rev. Harold Painter has submitted his resignation as pastor of the Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church, effective January 24, 1969. His future plans are indefinite.



HOPEWELL, PA. The dream of a campsite in the East District came a step nearer to reality on July 19, 1968. The picture above shows Rev. Sheldon Snyder, pastor of the Hopewell Brethren Church, on the left, presenting the deed for the property to Richard Beach, president of the Blair-Bedford Men's Association. The Christian owner of the land set a very modest price, and another Christian friend offered a loan to help pay for the land. Generous contributions by district laymen made the purchase of the land possible.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Donna Mowery and Edward Cupp, Oct. 26, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Jacqueline Ann Peed and Michael F. Hussar III, Oct. 26, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

FLYNN, Mrs. Helen, a very faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., passed away in early October. Daniel Grabill, pastor.

GEIGER, Jack, 19, a member of the West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio, was killed in an automobile accident one month after returning from Vietnam. Robert Holmes, pastor.

STAINS, Mrs. Grace, 70, a member of the First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa., for 54 years, passed away Oct. 11. Wendell E. Kent, pastor.

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

GRACE SCHOOLS

PRAY for the students in both college and seminary who will begin the Christmas holiday season December 19.

PRAY that the students who go to their homes and home churches may give a vibrant Christian testimony.

PRAY that the students may return to school January 7th rested and determined to do a good job in their school work, as they complete the first semester.

PRAISE God for the rapid progress on the new library and pray that there will be no hindrance to its completion in time for the second semester.

PRAY for the remodeling of the space in McClain Hall left vacant upon the removal of the present library to its new quarters.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY that Christmas may be a meaningful time for every Sunday-school pupil, and that each one will put spiritual things first.

PRAY that as plans are made for National Youth Week, our young people may be challenged to meet the needs of the hour through service for Christ.

PRAY that the Brethren Student Life Volunteers program may become real to many, and that the program may meet the need of their lives.

PRAY that the financial needs of the Christian Education Department may be met regularly to enable us to do the work to which we have been called.

SMM

PRAY that the Christmas season will be used by SMM girls to point others to Christ.

PRAY that every Brethren church will provide SMM groups for its girls.

PRAY that each SMM girl will faithfully complete her Mary and Martha goals this year.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for every victory in Brethren Home Missions during 1968.

PRAY for the financial needs of every home mission church as they face 1969 with increased budgets.

PRAY for a greater visitation emphasis in every home mission church during 1969.

PRAY for the Brethren Architectural Service now working on plans for building programs in 1969.

PRAY that we will be able to meet the $350,000 budget and completely liquidate the deficit in 1969.

WMC

PRAY for all WMC officers at the national, district and local level who are directing the activities during this coming year.

PRAY that more of the younger women of our churches might see the value of WMC and become more interested and active in it.

PRAY that the WMC might be more conscious of its responsibility toward our girls of the SMM and more willing to sacrifice if need be in order to train the girls.

PRAISE the Lord for blessings received in district conferences and rallies during this fall.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

PRAY for young men being sent to Vietnam and for those who are there.

PRAY along with our chaplains for souls among service personnel.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the excellent meeting held recently with the executive committee and district presidents.

PRAY that the challenges presented by the laymen to our Brethren people on November 3 may bear lasting rerults.

PRAISE the Lord for the answer to prayer in restoring to health our national secretary, Millard S. Speece.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

PRAY for the continued health and strength of Evangelist Scott Weaver. It was necessary to cancel several meetings this fall due to illness.

PRAISE the Lord for Rev. Allen Herr as he joins our staff on January 5th as an evangelist.

PRAISE the Lord for a great year during 1968 when hundreds were led to Christ as a result of the ministry of the Board of Evangelism.

PRAY for the crusade meetings to be conducted in January. Pray that the people will plan for the meetings and reach out into their communities to win souls to Jesus Christ.

PRAY for the director, Bill Smith, as he bears the responsibility for the total program of the board.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the culmination of plans for the joint publication between BMH Books and Moody Press of a book by Mrs. Althea Miller entitled *Under the Parsonage Roof,* to be released in 1969.

PRAY for the blessing of the Lord upon *The Brethren Annual,* containing reports from the 1968 national conference.

PRAY for continued guidance in making up the *Brethren Missionary Herald* that it might prove of great blessing to our readers.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

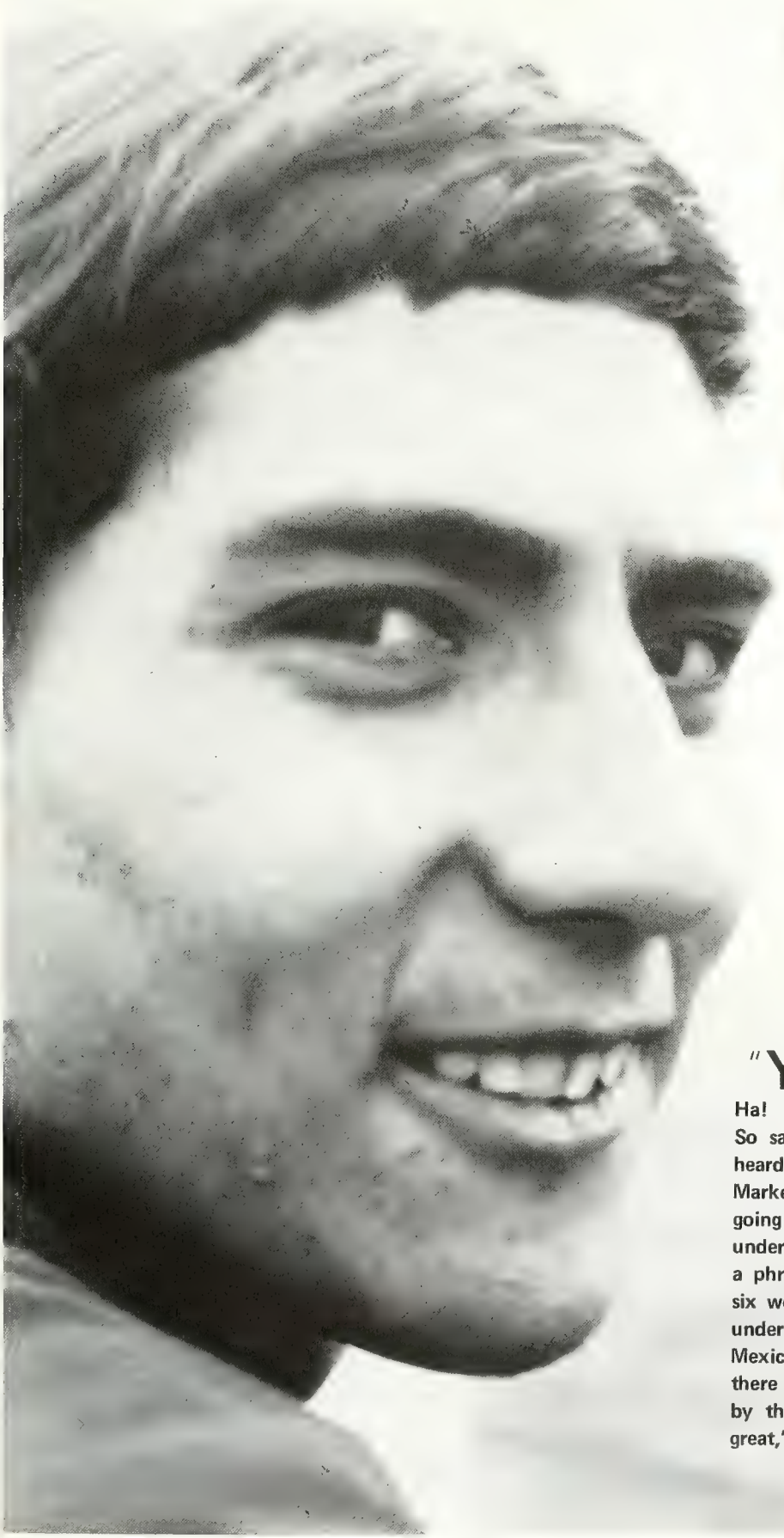
PRAY that God will bless special Christmas programs to be presented on mission fields, because this is an attraction to bring in the unsaved.

PRAY that the Lord will give direction to missionaries who are seeking to reach students in colleges and other schools of higher learning.

PRAY for the missionaries and national personnel who prepare the monthly magazines, the *Trompette* in Africa and the *Heraldo* in Argentina, and ask God to use these publications as a real blessing to their readers.

PRAY for wisdom for the members of the FMS board of trustees as they need to make decisions concerning our Society's entrance into the field of Germany.

PRAY that the Lord will bless the correspondence-school courses, being used on several fields, for the salvation of souls and the building-up of believers.



Teens Take On a World

By Mert Lambert

"You a summer missionary? Ha! Ha! You've got to be kidding me." So said Jill Boyd's mother when she heard that her daughter and Janeen Markel, both from Ashland, Ohio, were going to Clayhole, Kentucky, to serve under TIME. "Isn't it wonderful?" was a phrase most heard throughout the six weeks that the four young people under the TIME program were in the Mexican border ministry. Of course, there were other adjectives substituted by the workers such as: "cool, tuff, great," and so on, which I am informed



The TIME team in action in France . . . melting pot of American and French youth.

convey the same idea but in a more expressive way in their minds. Comments such as these were typical of the young people and the supervisors who participated in the TIME program (Training In Missionary Endeavor) during the summer of 1968.

Why do young people leave for a summer away from home? Some perhaps have even been away at school all year. Ann Teel has expressed it this way:

"The young people in France are now real to me. They have faces and personalities and tender souls. They have questions that Christ can answer; they have needs that Christ can meet.

" 'Missionary' is not just a word to me now. It is the Juliens and the Renicks, the Siggs and the Miesels. It is missionary children absorbing another culture as they grow. It is sensitive souls who give their hearts, their lives to serve a living Christ.

France is not just de Gaulle's country now. It is flowers and cheese and beautiful scenery. It is people far from God where missionaries work in spite of problems and discouragements to help a vision become a reality."

More than three times the number that served in 1967 were appointed to serve under TIME during this past summer. Twenty dedicated young people raised their own support (ranging from $225 to $650) in order that they might serve Christ in eight fields at home and abroad. Those fields represented this year were Clayhole and Dryhill, Kentucky; France, Mexico City, Mexican border area, Brethren Messianic Testimony, Navajo Mission and Puerto Rico. Ministries were wide and varied and included singing, teaching, witnessing, visitation, camp counselor; yes, and it was discovered that washing and ironing, dishes and housework are all a part of ministering for Christ.

Meri Forman and Barb Camp from Columbus, Ohio, and Ashland, Ohio, respectively, found the work in Puerto Rico quite challenging: "One of the highlights was working with the young people for two weeks at camp. The

Roberta Estep teaching a class in the Mexican border area.



Lon Garber and Terry Hollister in summer camp– Mexican border area.





Helene worked with the TIME team for part of the summer.

kids were really interested in the things of the Lord. I feel the greatest blessing was the privilege to work with the deaf people at their church services."

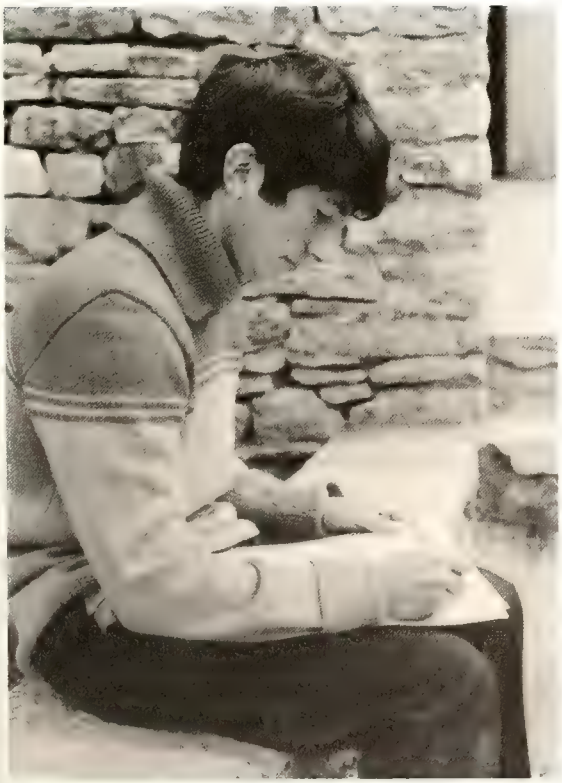
"Having to ask for the milk and sugar to put on your cereal in Spanish is terrible the first thing in the morning. Why do you have to wake up your head before breakfast?" commented the Haags. This was part of the training that was required of Lonnie Garber (Englewood, Ohio), Terry Hollister (Syracuse, New York), Bobbie Estep (Dayton, Ohio), and Diane Clark (Martinsburg, Pennsylvania). One of the major objectives of TIME is to train young people to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and to make a firsthand encounter with the practical aspect of ministering for Christ. Ministering to God's chosen people at the Brethren Messianic Testimony was the privilege of Judy Garwood of Omaha, Nebraska.

The other major objective is to give assistance to the mission field at which these young people serve. This was illustrated by the team consisting of five members who served in France for ten weeks. The Chateau ministry with the Renicks and Juliens among the French youth was enhanced by David Plaster (Massillon, Ohio), Patsy Scofield (Winona Lake, Indiana), Cheri Knight (Peoria, Illinois), Ann Teel (Wooster, Ohio), and Bonnie Crouse (Warsaw, Indiana). Patsy is ". . . anxiously waiting to learn if the Lord will have me return to France. Needless to say, my hunger to go back is due to a blessed time this summer."

Two young ladies from Inglewood, California, served at the Navajo Mission in New Mexico. Trish White and Fran Miller were changed girls after their confrontation with the needy Navajos. TIME ministers to every type of people with varying cultural environments. This is one of the greatest adjustments that face our TIME personnel.

Young people also find answers to life as Mary Kreitzer has experienced. "Many young people today are searching for something . . . I feel that programs such as this are the answer to many Christians' problems." From Dayton, Ohio, Mary served at the mission in Dryhill, Kentucky.

Witnessing for Christ is one of the major emphasis of the TIME program. Van Wood of Glendora, California, ex-



Daniel—leader, music arranger, and guitarist for the French team.

Judy Garwood serves refreshments at a Jewish blind class in Los Angeles.





TIME team member Bonnie Crouse finds daily times with God to be essential.

plains it this way, "Sharmon Stavness (also of Glendora) and I went house-to-house using the four spiritual laws. The Lord brought over 20 souls to Himself." Irene Sonnanstine (Wadsworth, Ohio) reports, "This was the most rewarding summer of my life. Lord willing, I hope to participate in the TIME program next year." These three young people experienced a fruitful summer in Mexico City.

The Christian Education Department of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches in cooperation with the Foreign Missionary Society and the Brethren Home Missions Council offer the TIME program for older youth of high Christian character and commitment. Information is being sent to each Brethren church in preparation for the summer of 1969.

Besides the fields already mentioned, other fields will be open in the future. Argentina; Brazil; Hawaii; and Taos, New Mexico, will offer a challenging means of Christian expression for Brethren youth. "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." ▼



Diane Clark, "our musician" in the Mexican border area.

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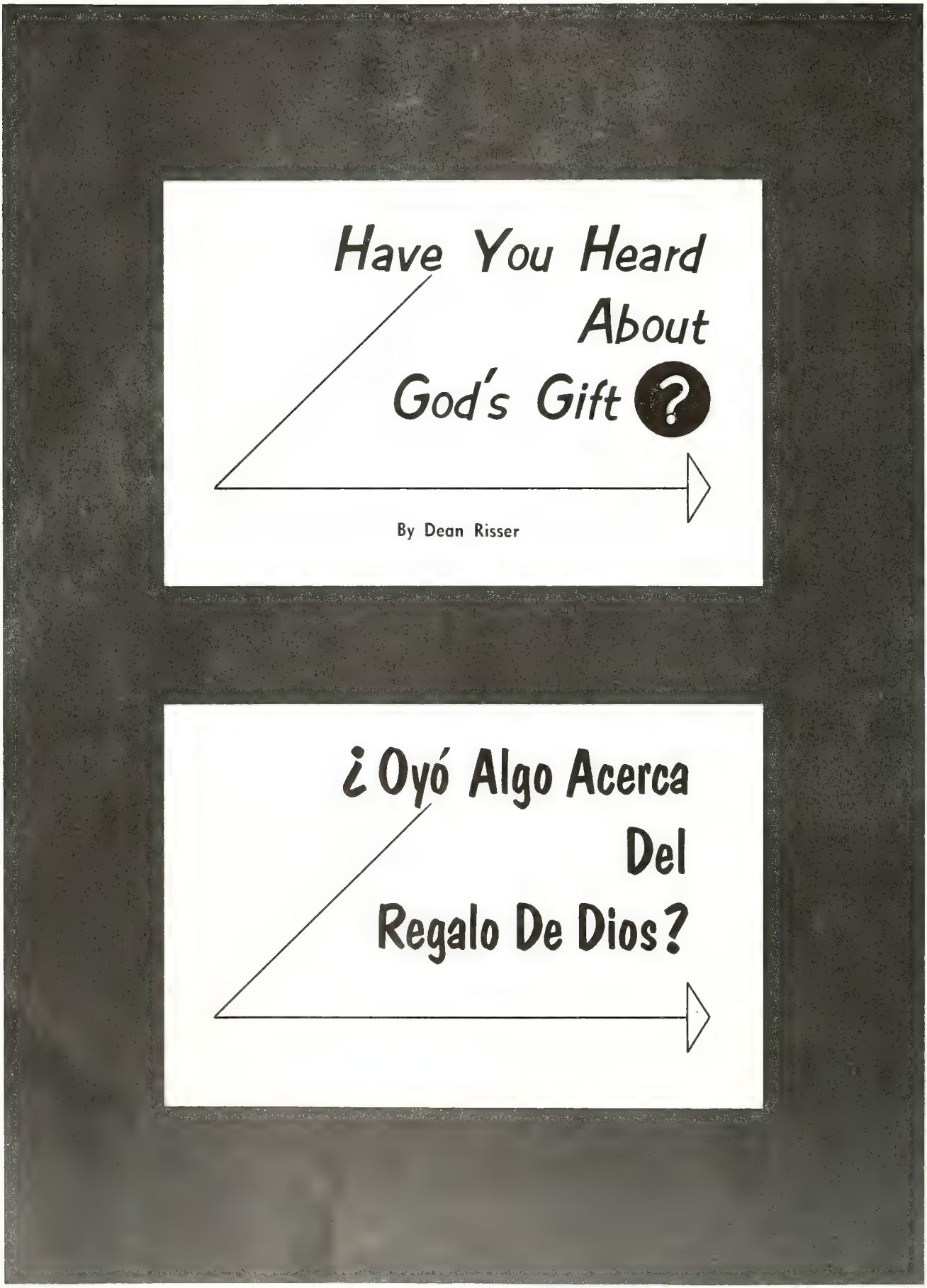
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Have You Heard About God's Gift ?
By Dean Risser
¿ Oyó Algo Acerca Del Regalo De Dios?

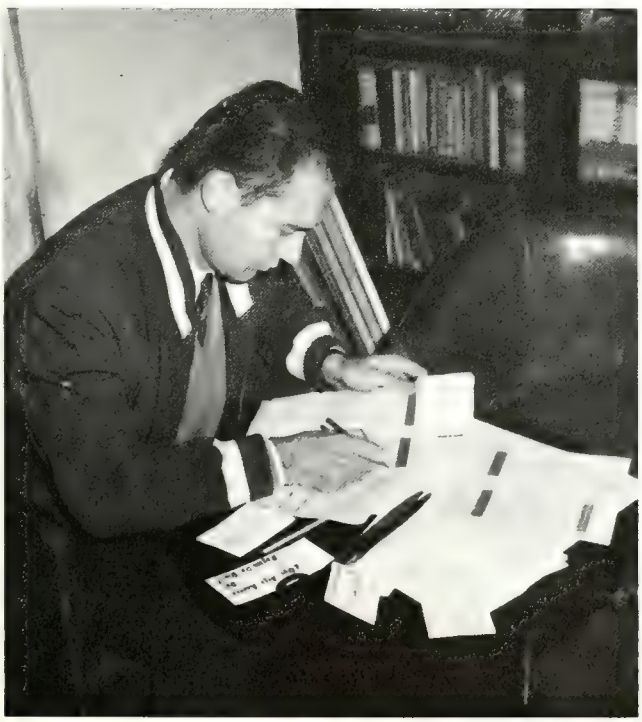
Translation, Please!

The Argentine Brethren Church Literature Committee responded enthusiastically when challenged to translate and publish Rev. Dean Risser's tract "Have You Heard About God's Gift?" This enthusiasm and interest grew as they saw the simple, positive message of this tract and endeavored to make this message appropriate for the Spanish-speaking world.

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company had generously offered to pay expenses for publishing this tract in Spanish if the committee would do the work. That offer was accepted and work began.

Each of the four members made a translation of the tract and offered suggestions. These translations with suggestions were combined by the bookstore staff into a single translation. This translation was then sent to each of the members for their consideration and further suggestions. They were all amazed at the many problems involved in such an effort. Questions such as: "Which version of the Bible should we use?" and "What is the shortest way to say 'home church'?" Also, "How do you present ideas like 'after-life' and 'confession of sin' to a Catholic-oriented people?" and many others gave us all much to think about.

After deciding upon the final translation, the actual work of publishing began. Once again many decisions needed to be made. What format should we use? Should we try to make it a two-color job? How could we conserve paper? How many should we print? Committee member Juan Colle, artist and national pastor, was called in several times to work on the layout and final preparations.



Hard at work on the translation task . . .

Recently, this tract was used for the first time here on the field. The institute students had chosen to spend their one-week vacation in a literature campaign in Huinca Renanco and Canada Verde. This tract was left in each home visited and was appreciated by both the people in general and the workers themselves. The people were attracted by its modern style and appeal and the workers appreciated its clear step-by-step Gospel presentation as they explained the Salvation story to those interested. The supply of tracts ran out several hours before the five-day campaign finished.

Now our churches are asking for quantities of this tract. The first printing of 5000 is gone and another order for 20,000 has been made. It is also being offered to other Spanish-speaking countries as well as other denominational groups here in Argentina.

Once again the Brethren Missionary Herald, with their foresight and the gifts of God's people, has been a genuine help in going into all the world and preaching the Gospel. Heartfelt thanks to each one who has had a part in this gift. Your continued prayers are requested for the fruitful ministry of this tract. ▼

GOD, GIVE US MEN!

By Senator Frank Carlson, Kansas

The subject of the text I am using is "Wanted a man—a man who will stand." We have had men in both ancient and modern history who have had the courage to take a stand and stand firm. In Ezekiel 22:30, the Prophet says: "And I sought for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it."

God is searching for men who are unique, thoroughly saved, and filled to running over with His spirit. God and the world need men who will stand in the gap. Modern Americans have accepted and are tolerating conditions never before permitted by any generation of our ancestors. Never have so many hated on such flimsy causes. Never have so many denounced so many with such little knowledge. Never has wild pleasure or physical abandonment been considered fitting human behavior as it is today. Never have public officials been so brazen and open in seeking the vote of the people through promises of things that are morally and spiritually wrong. Never have ministers of the Gospel turned their pulpits and their pastoral duties toward direction of the social order to the near exclusion of the salvational order as abounds in our time.

In that same 22nd chapter of Ezekiel, the Prophet speaks of Israel's religious leaders in these words: "Her priests have done violence to my law and have profaned my holy things; they have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have disregarded my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them."

Israel's religious leaders of that earlier time would be appalled to observe what is transpiring in the churches of God today. Even the daily press—notoriously indifferent to religious news—reports a few lines on the inner back pages that tell us clearly how growing numbers of Americans treat holy things with irreverence and sacred things with contempt.

Not only have vast numbers of Americans lost all sense of the sacred, the moral and the ethical, but the spiritual leaders from both the laity and the priesthood are often found in the forefront of this irreligious pursuit of comfort rather than conviction—of accommodation rather than truth—of the pleasant life rather than the meaningful life.

If God is to have men who will stand in the gap and hold back the flood of destructive emotional and spiritual forces, we must first understand the nature of the problem and why things are the way they are.

There are three major forces that have brought about the chaos, frustration, and anti-Christian era in which we live. They touch both the philosophical and religious bases, were first voiced by few in number whose intensity deceived millions, and have been permitted to flourish by both the unwary and the fearful.

First, we live in this age of uncertainty because we have either accepted or endured a doctrine of universal conformity.

The forces that reduce the power of an influence of God and Christ in the lives of our people are seeking to become levelers of men. It is their conviction that only through lowering mankind to a dependency upon the ideas, ideals and material judgments of superior people can we live together in harmony and peace.

Evidence is rampant that this kind of meddling and interference with God's natural law brings fearful conflict, death, destruction, riots, crime and disregard of decency and principle among our people.

Second, we live in uncertainty because today there is widespread devotion to the idea that nothing, absolutely nothing, can be allowed to remain the same.

All things must change, and there is practically no consideration given as to whether the change is good or bad—right or wrong—easy or difficult—necessary or unnecessary. The doctrine of change stands on just the precise idea that change is inevitable. That is absolutely true. Change of various kinds and sorts takes place every day everywhere. But irresponsible, erratic, violent change only for the sake of making things different is as illogical and as unreasonable as it is unspiritual.

No intelligent person argues against the necessity of using question marks after many of our inherited ideas and practices of the past. But when the question mark is turned into a totem pole or a marble altar on which the people are supposed to lay their sacrificial offerings, such people have escaped the general limits of common sense and sound judgment and have launched off into material idolatry and a rushing toward a degree of spiritual insanity.

If human reason has so totally lost its respectability and no one is allowed to go from a major and minor premise to some sort of orderly conclusion, then the welfare of our people is entrusted to the care of strange and weird people.

Great changes had to take place during these recent years, and even greater changes will have to take place in the future. But no safe and proper

change seen in recent times—and certainly none of the irrational changes that outnumber the sane ones—can justify the wholesale abandonment of the safe and sure principles of God and this country which have brought us safely this far. In the face of great changes we Christians have to remember that we have a firm point of view and that we operate from certain unchanging foundations.

We believe in a God who does not change—in human nature which does not change except for its accommodation with and acceptance of God—in standards of right and wrong that do not change—in death and judgment which are inescapable—and we believe in a truth that is absolute, not relative, which is forever settled in heaven and can never pass away.

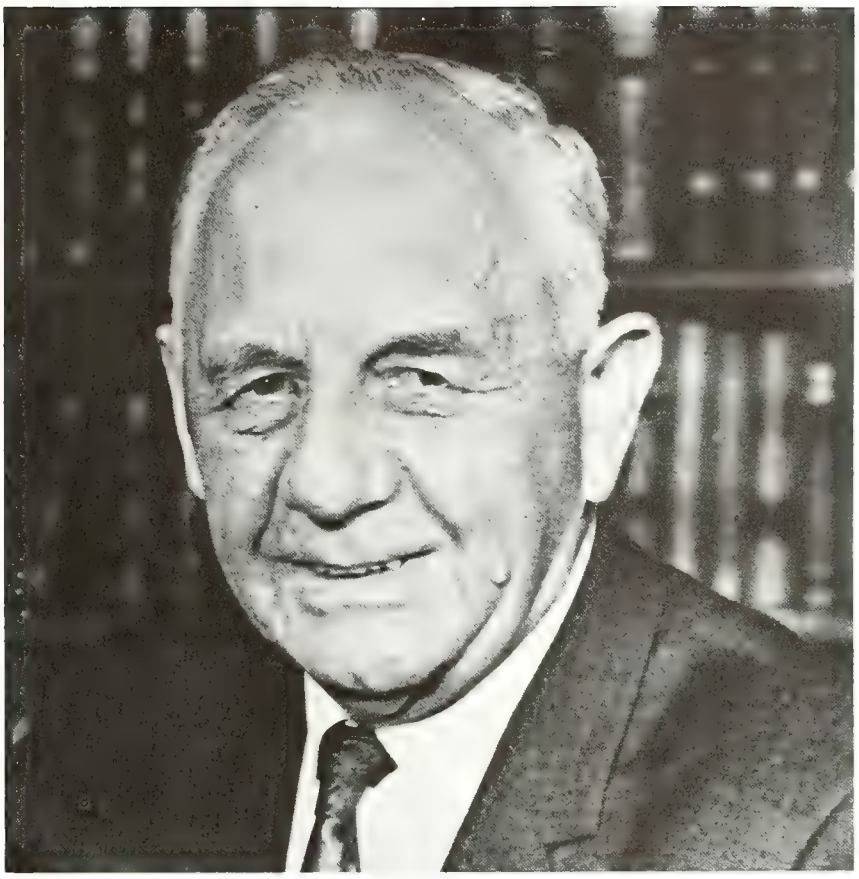
The Christian today, even in the midst of the erratic and erotic commitments of irreligious leaders, does not follow the failing steps of the priests of Israel. Christians make a clear distinction between the holy and the common. They teach the difference between the clean and the unclean. They observe and keep the Sabbath and they do not profane either the name, the spirit, nor the power of God.

The third cause of our uncertainties in this time is the doctrine of universal criticism.

Today man is taught not to accept anything until he has first put it under strong and critical examination. Trust nobody, believe nobody, have faith in nothing, and accept no truth until it has been proved to you with mathematical exactness and material demonstration. This is the agony of the hour when the doctrine of criticism has taken over our people.

You cannot pick up a paper, magazine, or a book that is not in and of itself critical of something or somebody, even including among its victims Almighty God himself. In truth, the criticisms of God rank well above almost all other criticisms of the hour. More people, in more ways and on more occasions, cast doubt, hurl darts and throw charges against God such as this country has never seen in all of its history.

To accept the doctrine of universal criticism leaves us with almost nothing that is sacred, almost nothing that is absolute, and nothing that is eternal. So real has our acceptance of the doctrine of criticism become that even the word "indoctrination" has been turned into an evil word that must be shunned like "discipline," "disciple," or "patriotism."



Senator Frank Carlson

These three doctrines—u n i v e r s a l conformity, universal change, and universal criticism—have left our nation without moorings or anchors. We are being tossed about in the sea of doubt and uncertainty that is about to sink the ship of God before our very eyes.

The world today is looking for:

Men who are not for sale;
Men who are honest, sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core;
Men with consciences as steady as the needle to the pole;
Men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels;
Men who can tell the truth and look the world right in the eye;
Men who neither brag nor run;
Men who neither flag nor flinch;
Men who can have courage without shouting it;
Men in whom the courage of everlasting life runs still, deep, and strong;
Men who know their message and tell it;
Men who know their place and fill it;
Men who know their business and attend to it;
Men who will not lie, shirk or dodge;
Men who are not too lazy to work, not too proud to be poor;
Men who are willing to eat what they have earned and wear what they have paid for;
Men who are not ashamed to say "No" with emphasis and who are not ashamed to say "I can't afford it."

God is looking for men. He wants those who can unite together around a common faith—who can join hands in a common task—and who have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. God give us men! ▼

Are We Biblical in Paying Our Pastors?



By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

President, Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College

The report of the national statistician given at the recent meeting of The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches provides interesting material for reflection. It deserves careful analysis. It could very well be that a careful analysis would provide a sad commentary upon the genuineness and strength of our testimony. What we have actually done and the measure of progress we have experienced as recorded in the statistician's report may be a better system of computing the value of our theological conservatism than the testimony of our lips. It certainly would be well for all of us to evaluate the meaning of these statistics in relation to ourselves and our own church.

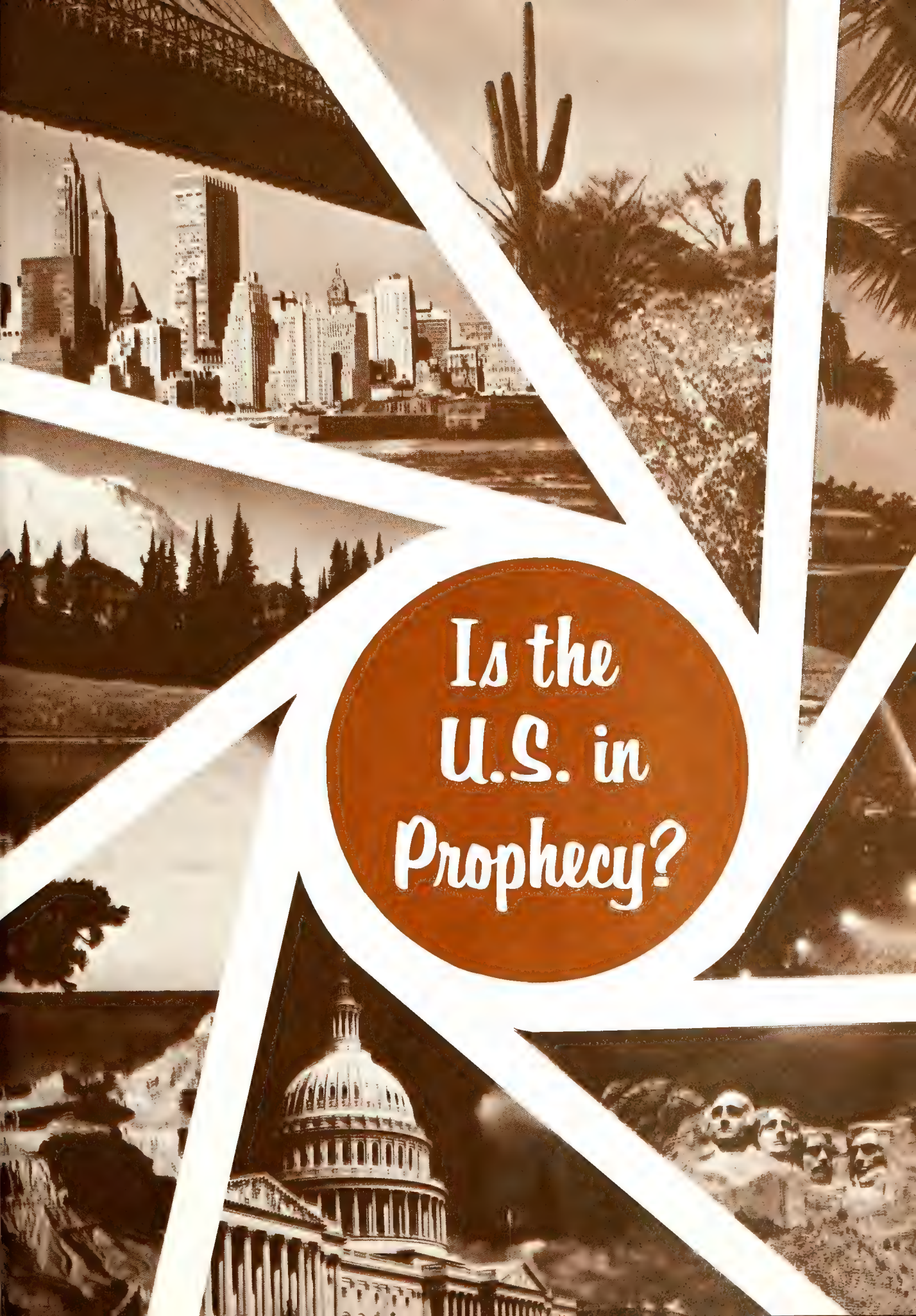
But there is one detail which I feel compelled to deal with. This is because it comes so close to the business in which I have been engaged all of my life. And that is the preparation of men for the ministry. I am concerned for the way churches pay their pastors. Is it possible that the shortage of men for the ministry may be in a large part due to the fact that men are lost to the ministry, because they cannot afford longer to continue in the ministry if they hope to pay their obligations and care for their family? We are doing our best at the Seminary to prepare men for the ministry. And we are preparing more than ever before in the history of the school. But after they are prepared we are losing them at the other end because they cannot make the grade in an accelerating financial economy. I am concerned! Are you?

The statistics reveal that the average salary for pastors was approximately $5,000 covering all benefits. Of course there are variations in salary from several thousand dollars to ten thousand or more. This only makes the situation more acute for those in the lower brackets. When this is measured in relation to the average salary of wage earners across the United States, it becomes quite appalling. That average is now more than $7500 per year. Is it possible that pastors can live on less than is being paid to the average wage earner? If you were faced with this problem, how would you solve it in the light of the economic frame of reference in which you must live?

There is a price tag on the ministry. This is true in the very nature of the case, not because pastors create it. We are living in the greatest inflationary period in the history of our country. Whether pastors like it or not, they must pay the rent, buy the food, purchase the clothing, pay for the utilities at the prices being charged. In most cases demands are placed upon them because of the very nature of their work that call for an even greater outlay of expense than the average layman. These he cannot escape for the reason that he lives in this society. Where the salaries of his people are up to the average, this in itself creates the context in which he must live. Unless he can live in that context on the salary he receives from the people of God, then he must turn elsewhere in order to discharge his financial, moral, and personal obligations in society. Pastors who fail at this are under severe criticism from the members of their congregation.

Writing to Timothy the apostle Paul laid down a rule of measure for the congregation in paying its ministry. "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The laborer is worthy of his reward" (I Tim. 5:17-18). Instead of double honor in the Brethren Church we are counting our pastors as worthy of scarcely half honor. Could this evaluation of the ministry be one of the primary factors why we are losing pastors from the ministry and the church is not growing as it should? Is it possible that pastors who spend seven of the years and more of their lives in education above high school for the ministry are worth less than others who spend no years in higher education, or in the area of public school teaching only four years above high school? What is our answer to these questions?

Without in any sense desiring to boast, but certainly to make a clear observation of the facts in the case, there is no denomination that is more greatly blessed with able and amply-prepared ministers of the word of God. We do not have liberal or apostate men standing in the pulpit. However, the men who do stand in the pulpit do not need to take second place to any, so far as their preparation for an able, expository ministry of the Bible. This being true, there is reason for Brethren people to place a new value upon these men who are the gifts of God to the church, and to demonstrate that evaluation by caring financially for their pastors in accordance with the word of God and commensurate with the salaries of laymen. Try it. You will be surprised how good it makes you feel, and you will be surprised how much more devoted your pastor will be. This is one way to help meet the need for more pastors and to stimulate growth in the church. What is even more important in days like these, the crying need of the hour is men of God who know and preach the word of God in order to stem the tide of moral and spiritual declension. Think on that in relation to our responsibility to keep men in the ministry. ▼


Is the
U.S. in
Prophecy?

I'm taking it for granted that the United States, in fact the whole world, is in prophecy. But is our nation specifically singled out in prophetic Scriptures for some special function or place?

Let's review what the Bible prophesies about the nations of the world. First, the Bible has a lot to say about the prophetic place of the nation of Israel, for God's program for the future centers around that people which He has chosen to be His own. In His grace and sovereign election Israel occupies a very prominent place in the prophetic scheme.

Then, there is a succession of world powers. Daniel's prophecy of Gentile world dominion beginning with Nebuchadnezzar is outlined under four great empires: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome, followed by the Kingdom of God on earth which shall not be destroyed. Four of these empires have passed, and the fifth has not yet come, so we talk about a revived Roman empire.

What is the reason back of this idea that the Roman empire will be revived? To put it simply, Rome is to be the one in control at the time when the Messiah first appears. Daniel pictures this same empire in control when the Messiah comes to set up His kingdom. Since Rome has historically passed off the scene, we must assume therefore that this kingdom will again appear on the scene in the end times. The form of this Roman empire in the end times is represented by a beast with ten horns. According to the book of Revelation there are to be ten kings, so it would appear that the Roman empire in its last days will manifest itself in the form of a ten-kingdom confederacy.

This final appearance of human government is described as iron mingled with clay, probably referring to the strength of iron, indicative of the strength and power that was characteristic of the Roman empire. "Mingled with clay," would indicate the weakness of democracy and perhaps communism mingled with it so that it is partly strong and partly brittle.

There is also a special picture of the rise of Antichrist, one with great power who arises and quickly destroys some of the ten kings, takes over the Roman empire and becomes its head. Now this is the picture which the

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Bible gives of the succession of world empires. Significantly, the United States is not there.

Other nations also figure in the prophetic Scriptures. For example, in the book of Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39, we have a prophecy of an invasion that will come to the land of Palestine from the north. It is associated with such names as Gog, Magog, Meschech and Tubal, Persia, Ethiopia and Lydia. Now it has been rather assumed without much actual proof that this refers to Russia. Some rather superficially convincing arguments favor that. For instance, Meschech sounds a little like Moscow and Tubal sounds a little like Tobolsk, another one of the Russian cities. However, if you consider these and some other names in the context, it becomes clear that the identification is by no means certain. These are the names of peoples that were known. Primarily, they did not occupy that region we call Russia, but that land to the south of Russia, north of Palestine, including Turkey and the regions east of Turkey. I am not at all implying that this does not refer to Russia, I am simply saying that we cannot prove from the words that it is Russia. This is, however, a mighty power that comes down from the north to invade Palestine in the end times.

In the book of Daniel we also have a conflict described between the king of the north, Syria; and Egypt, the king of the south; both elements in the Roman empire. It is in the midst of the chaos and political confusion that arises in that area which was once the Roman empire that Antichrist comes into power.

Daniel also tells of tidings out of the East, while in the book of Revelation (16:2) it speaks of the river Euphrates being dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the East. It has been surmised with some reason that this may refer to China or Japan. This would seem logical in our framework of things.

While no mention is made of the United States, some attempts have been made to identify it in prophecy. The most direct of these is found in Isaiah 18:1-3 where we read, "woe to the land shadowing with wings." Some say this refers to the American eagle with its wings outspread. Other countries have the eagle as a symbol, but not with its wings outspread. So, "shadowing with wings," is said to refer to the American eagle. Or maybe, as some suggested, it refers to the airplane since the United States was the country which invented the airplane.

The next phrase, "which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia," is also used to support this view. However, upon looking at a map of Africa for Ethiopia and a little beyond, from the standpoint of Palestine, one will probably come up with the Sudan or the region south of Egypt. But one of the defenders of this position says that the words, "beyond the rivers of Ethiopia" in the original Hebrew always means "west of." Now it's rather strange that in many of the places where the word occurs, it refers to the "east."

The expression in Isaiah 18:2, "sendeth ambassadors by the sea," is sometimes misquoted "seven seas," as if to include all the oceans, so that the United States is the great ambassador-sending nation. In fact, one of the supporters of this particular view felt that the ambassadors involved were the American soldiers of World War I who were sent across the seas in order to act as ambassadors to Kaiser Wilhelm.

Some supposed Hebrew scholars say that the word "bulrushes" in this passage means "water-drinking"; therefore, these are "water-drinking" vessels and that can't mean anything but steamboats. So in their minds, this is a prophecy of steamboats, referring to the great ocean liners that drink up the water and make it into steam. Rather strangely, they forgot to notice that this is the same word that is used of the ark in which Moses' mother put her little boy when she put him in the river.

These messengers are to go to "a nation scattered and peeled," which in the margin reads, "outspread and polished." Some translate this "straight and smooth," but I am at a loss to know why this should refer to the American people any more than others. So this is an example of the way they try to find the United States in this passage.

Further, it speaks of "a nation meted out and trodden down." Supporters of this view say that the United States is a nation that is measured out,

because early in its history they passed a regulation requiring that the entire nation be surveyed and laid off in mile square sections. I suppose then, that "trodden down" would refer to the condition in our big cities. I think that the very reading of the argument for such identification is sufficient to point out its utter foolishness.

The most round-about method of finding the United States in prophecy is based upon a series of Scripture. Reference is made to Isaiah 60:9 which speaks of the "ships of Tarshish," suggesting some great naval power. By their interpretation, Tarshish is none other than England, that great naval power which helped the Jews return to Palestine during the mandate period when England had control over that land. In Isaiah 23:6, 7, we are told that Tarshish inhabits an island. They say this means Great Britain, that great world power which inhabits an island in our day.

For another step in the series look at Ezekiel 38:13, which speaks of "the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof." Obviously, Tarshish is the old lion, England. For England has been characterized by a figure of a lion just as the United States is by the eagle and Russia by the bear. Since the lion represents England, the young lions, therefore, would be the English colonies and the United States is an English colony, so it's one of the young lions. Now in answer to this particular attempt to identify the United States in prophecy, Tarshish is associated in many Bible prophecies with the city of Tyre and was evidently a part of the vast Phoenician commercial system of the Mediterranean, not a reference to England. And none today would think of England as a major naval power; certainly they would not call the United States an English colony.

Probably the wildest view is that which attempts to identify the United States with the Israelites. Basically, this is the view that the ten northern tribes of Israel were lost sight of after the captivity, were carried away into Assyria and never came back. Eventually, they migrated into England and became the ancestors of the English-speaking peoples. England then, is Ephriam and the United States is Manasseh and that settles it. All statements then, about Manasseh, are actually talking about the United States. The English monarchy is the throne and house of David. Now the Jews, that's Judah, the two southern kingdoms or tribes, proved unworthy. God rejected them, set them aside, and God's purposes for Israel are now being carried out by the ten northern tribes, that is Ephriam and Manasseh, which according to this view is England and the United States. So when Jesus Christ comes back to earth, He will come to England and the United States.

The answers to this view are manifold. For one thing, there is not a shred of historical evidence for such a migration or of such an identification either historical or ethnic, despite the fact they might come up with some fanciful and non-sensical arguments to try and prove it.

The second and main answer is that the ten tribes were never lost. When they were carried into captivity into Assyria, many of them who were left behind went on to join Judah. The Bible tells us so. Those who were carried into Assyria (Assyria was later swallowed up by Babylon) simply became a part of the Babylonian captivity which came along a little bit later. When the people came back from the Babylonian captivity we are specifically told that there were some from all of the tribes there and the name, Jews, came to be a general term for the entire group. After the captivity the Jews included people from all the twelve tribes.

As we come to the New Testament, again and again these two terms, Jews and Israel are equated. Jesus told His disciples to go to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." We read that the "Jews" were gathered together on Pentecost and Peter got up and preached to the "men of Israel." Again and again these terms were used interchangeably. Also there is no evidence that Judah's rights to the throne were ever surrendered or transferred to Israel. Yet this is part of the British-Israel view. There are many other fanciful identifications that we will not deal with. We can simply conclude that insofar as anyone is able to detect, the United States does not appear in prophecy. Except of course, as a part of the rest of the world that will go through the events of the end times.

We now come to the most important question of all. How do we account for the fact that a nation with the significance and importance of the United States should be omitted from the prophetic picture? The usual answer has been that the United States is far from the scene of the events of the end times which centers around Palestine and the Mediterranean. We are halfway around the world from there, so there's no particular reason to mention the United States. There was some plausibility back of that argument in the days of isolationism when the United States was satisfied to stay in its own part of the world and let the rest of the world alone. But certainly that can't be said today because the United States is involved very directly in that area of the world. We have a navy there, a fleet in the Mediterranean and evidence of this fact was that during the six-day war, one of our navy ships was bombed.

Frankly, when Dr. John F. Walvoord, president of Dallas Theological Seminary, spoke here at our Grace Bible Conference last winter he mentioned a possibility which I had not thought of. But I have thought of it a great deal since and it sobers me. His suggestion for the reason why the United States is not mentioned in prophecy may be, "because it simply isn't here anymore or because it is no longer a world power." That's rather sobering. It's rather shocking to think that this nation which we hold so dear may not even be around to participate in the events of the end times which we believe to be so very near at hand. But, it's possible, even probable, that the United States may go down like the great powers of the past have done. The advanced marks of moral and spiritual degeneracy are on every hand; the same as those which marked the days before the Flood, the conditions of Sodom and Gomorrah, the final decline of Egypt, Greece and Rome.

Can America be saved? Can America escape her doom? Perhaps for a time, but the only thing that would do it would be a real revival of genuine spiritual Christianity. And so far as I can see, there is not a glimmer of hope that it will happen.

Personally, we need to ask ourselves the question, "Would I be ready if the Lord should come just now?" ▼

A condensation of a sermon preached at Winona Lake Brethren Church, August 1968.



Dean and Mrs. Arnold R. Kriegbaum (fifth and sixth from left) standing with tour group in front of traditional tomb where Christ was buried and raised from the dead.

(Editor's note: During the month of August, Dean and Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum traveled through Israel, Turkey, Greece and Italy.)

Stretching 117 miles along the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea is the small country of Israel. In keeping with the decision of the United Nations General Assembly, Israel was proclaimed a sovereign state in May of 1948. Since that time, the transformation of the land has been spectacular.

Enthusiastic Israel!

Thinking about agriculture in the United States, one can feasibly picture the flat, fertile farmlands of Iowa, Indiana and Ohio. My first impression of Israel reminded me of agricultural California—30 years ago. Every plant grown in California can be grown in Israel. The eucalyptus, fig, pepper and citrus trees are in abundance.

In order that the lowlands (even though often rocky) can be reserved for tillage, most of the building in Israel is done on the mountains. The cooperative settlement known as the kibbutz, is the enthusiastic pride of Israel. This farming community is also involved in industry wherein the families live and work on the village estate. All work is on an equal status. Doctor and tractorist, cowhand and manager, teacher and cook—all enjoy the same standards of living. They eat similar food, dwell in similar apartments, and have an equal voice in running the kibbutz. The spirit that governs these communities is one of brotherhood. Some 80,000 live in kibbutzim, and there are 228 different kibbutzim in Israel. Israel is an enthusiastic nation.

To view Mount Carmel where Elijah confounded the priests of Baal; Mount Gilboa where Saul and Jonathan met their deaths; Mount Tabor, where Deborah and Barak routed Sisera and which is the traditional site of the Transfiguration—such experiences make the Bible live.

Of Israel's two-and-a-half million enthusiastic inhabitants, less than 50,000 profess Christianity, and fewer still give indication of the regenerative power of God in their lives through faith in Christ. The common greeting in Israel is *shalom* meaning peace, yet Israel is the land where the Prince of Peace does not rule in the hearts of the people.

Exotic Turkey!

From Tel Aviv our plane took us to the Isle of Cyprus, Istanbul (formerly Constantinople), and to Izmir (formerly Smyrna). Turkey has been the cradle of several civilizations, the melting pot of history, and the bridge between Europe and Asia. In Turkey, we toured the sites of the seven churches named in Revelation 2 and 3—Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.

The breathtaking colors of the land; the natural beaches, the bazaar of 4,000 shops under one roof; the camel fights—all these are exotic. Yet the preaching once heralded by the seven churches of Asia has long been silenced.

Enchanting Greece!

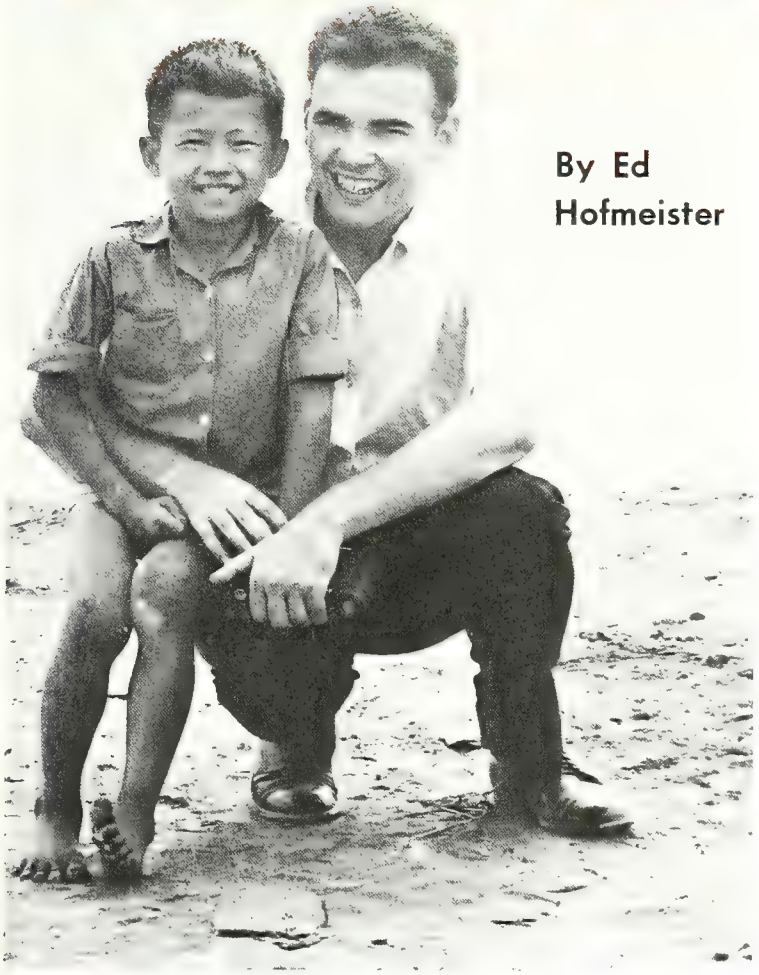
From Izmir, Turkey we flew to Athens, Greece. The vision of Athens has enchanted the heart of man from ancient times. Unique in the history of mankind, Athens has remained a symbol of intellect, art, and beauty through the centuries.

By bus we rode to ancient Corinth. Here we viewed the vestiges of a world confined within itself. From early times, Corinth was a great commerical center known for its wealth, attributed by abundant water, fertile soil and waterways connecting to the sea nearby. Although Corinth was once a great city in Greece, she became involved in the Achean League, and as a great political city, she clashed with Rome. When the conflict had ended, Corinth disappeared. About 52 AD the Apostle Paul came to preach in the revived City of Corinth, but it was known as the most frivolous and corrupt community of the pagan world. The Holy Spirit established the church at Corinth so that the church might take the City of Corinth, but instead, the City of Corinth took the church.

Not only were we privileged to visit Corinth, but also the cities of Thessalonica (present-day Salonika), Neapolis (present-day Kavalla), Colosse and Philippi. While in Greece, we were only a few miles from Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia. Our stay in Kavalla was during the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia, and the NATO forces were on maneuvers.

The Word of God takes on new understanding in our minds and hearts as we read. However, every place we visited made us realize what can happen—for although in these places the early Christian churches flourished, today the Christian influence has disappeared. From all we could learn, these cities with their culture, intellect and licentiousness, took the churches, instead of the churches taking the cities for Christ. ▼

Decision in Vietnam



Edward Hofmeister with Vietnamese boy.

By Ed Hofmeister

(Editor's note: This interesting article tells how Edward Hofmeister and Dave Mitchell became acquainted at Long Binh, 15 miles north of Saigon, where they were stationed while serving with the Hdqtrs. Battery, 2d Field Forces, Vietnam Artillery.

Ed is now a sophomore in Grace College, and Dave is employed by the First National Bank in Roanoke, Virginia. Dave serves as the youth director in the Ghent Brethren Church of Roanoke, where he and his wife are members.

Dave received his B.A. degree from Grace College in 1965, and his wife, the former Betty Lou Engle, was a student at Grace during 1963 and 1964.)

October 18, 1966, will probably not ring any bells in your mind as a great day in history. But for me it was the greatest day of my life. It was the day that I opened my heart to Jesus Christ.

I was raised in a very strong Roman Catholic background. I spent twelve years in Catholic schools and nineteen years in a Catholic home, the oldest child in a family of thirteen. I remember growing up with a feeling of terrible distaste for family life, and a general rebellion built up within me. I had to share my possessions with others in the family as we grew in numbers. All my troubles were their fault and I was going to escape as soon as possible.

In March 1964, my dreams came true when my father showed me the door. I was almost nineteen years old at the time, and I did not live with my family again until I was twenty-two. I went to live with some of my friends after leaving home and drifted from one home to the next for several months. In the summer of 1964 I went to Ontario, Canada, but after having no success at finding a job, I went back to Indianapolis, my home town. I lived with my grandparents until I started working at the Ford Motor Company plant in late August 1964. I worked there for nine months until I left Indianapolis once again, this time for St. Petersburg, Florida.

St. Petersburg, I found, was a terrible place for me to find work, especially since my work record proved that I was a drifter. Almost broke, I went west to find work. My car broke down sixteen miles east of New Orleans.

There had been more than two years elapsed since I had graduated from high school. I seldom went to Mass and never went to confession, or communion. It had become meaningless to me in the first place. I had more recently become interested in astrology, and spiritism fascinated me tremendously. I was searching for truth, but I was just looking in the wrong place. I don't remember ever having read John 14:6 up to this particular time.

I stayed in New Orleans and sold my car. I found a room in a flophouse on Girod Street and got a job as a waiter on Bourbon Street, in the heart of New Orlean's French Quarter.

Sin is easy to find anywhere in the world because the heart of man is "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." But in the French Quarter it seemed that I could almost feel the presence of Satan, and I wasn't even a Christian! Yet, there is pleasure in sin for a season, and I was making the best of it. My search for truth had been temporarily postponed in favor of a search for pleasure.

Almost everything I ever did before I received Christ as Saviour was done on the "spur-of-the-moment." With this flighty attitude, I left New Orleans for Wichita, Kansas, but did not stay for long. Uncle Sam was calling and on September 2, 1965, I was inducted into the army.

Eight months after my entrance into the army, I found myself in Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

I had decided to go on to Officer Candidate School and get a commission as an army officer. But God had a different plan for me. In late May 1966, I received orders for Vietnam.

It was sometime between my first jump from an airplane and my arrival in Vietnam that I began to seriously wonder, "What would happen to me if I died right now?" I didn't believe that hell existed as a literal place, but what if it did? What then? Never before had death frightened me as it did then.

When I arrived in Vietnam my mind became open as it had never been before. I didn't expect to see home again. On my third day in Vietnam, I received my assignment. A headquarters unit! I didn't have to go to an airborne unit after all! I could still see a faint glimmer of hope for my survival.

The same day I received my unit assignment I met a few of the guys who would be my buddies for the next year. "The Greek" had been a friend of mine at jump school. He suggested that Mike and I go out to one of the tents with him and play a few hands of rummy. And so we did. Then there was Dave. Dave *didn't* want to play rummy. Dave was different indeed. And yet, Dave was not really a bad fellow. He was big and strong looking, like a fullback for the Chicago Bears. And, as I found out, he was a college graduate. He had just graduated the year before from Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana.

Four months passed rather quickly. But pressure began to mount. Our unit was a group of "sitting ducks," as they say. What a drag! Sitting around drinking beer was our favorite pastime. "Everybody's doing it," I thought. Everyone but Dave. He was one of those religious fanatics. Dave never seemed to have any fun. He didn't drink, smoke, play cards, swear, or do anything else that the rest of us did. He just *never* had any fun. But there was one thing that Dave *did* have. Dave had *joy*. He was almost always smiling. Fun or not, Dave Mitchell was the most peaceful man in our 160-man unit.

In early October 1966, I was called before the battery commander. He had found out that I had applied to go to Officer Candidate School seven months earlier. He asked me if I still wanted to go. I said that I would consider it and inform him of my decision within a month.

One Sunday afternoon Dave asked if I would like to go to church with him that evening. I hadn't planned anything else so I went. I remember that the sermon was a good one and God really spoke to me. I was impressed. I was searching again. This time, I was searching in the right place.

The next day I thought about God and my need. I didn't have any answers. I was at the mercy of God if He was really there. And the very fact that I didn't know for sure made me feel very insecure. What if I died? The thoughts of judgment and punishment for sin were not going to go away this time.

I approached Dave that night and asked to talk with him. I was troubled and Dave knew it. He told me that Jesus was the only One who could take care of my needs. After a three-hour walk up and down a little dirt road in front of our compound, Dave asked me, "Wouldn't you like to receive Christ as your own Saviour?" Dave didn't know it, but five minutes before I had asked Jesus to save me. I told him, "I just did, Dave, about five minutes ago." I took the pack of cigarettes out of my pocket and threw them on the ground. That package of cigarettes weighed about five million pounds. I knew I was free from all my sins.

The next day I told some of the guys about Jesus. Somebody said, "I told ya' Eddie would be the first to crack." But that didn't stop me from telling them every day about Jesus. I finally *knew* the truth, and for the first time in my life I *knew* that I was right. And the truth had set me free.

A short time later, I felt the Lord was calling me into full-time service for Him. Today, almost two years later, that same calling is the power of Christ in my life.

I was called before the battery commander about two weeks after I received Christ, and I had made my decision. Christ's commission meant more to me than any commission the army could give.

When I arrived home from Vietnam I ran into great opposition from my parents. But I was prepared. I had spent a great amount of time studying God's Word while I was in Vietnam



Dave Mitchell while stationed in Vietnam.

because I knew that this opposition would be awaiting my return. I had to "study the Word to show myself approved." As much as I wanted to please my parents I remembered that Jesus said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. . . ." I had already made that choice.

In August 1967, Pastor Jerry Young of the Indianapolis Grace Brethren Church came to see me. He invited me to go to church with him. In September I was baptized. It was at a threefold communion service the next week that I met Peggy, the girl who is now my wife. The Lord has blessed in innumerable ways and it is interesting to compare my former life with my new life in Christ. If only the unsaved could know! ▼

Grace Assumes Control of Assembly; Announces 16-Member Board

Grace Schools officially assumed control of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly facilities on October 1, 1968, following the election of Dr. Herman A. Hoyt as president of the corporation and chairman of the sixteen-member board of directors.

According to Dr. Hoyt, the Winona Lake Bible Conference now approaching its 75th year and known as the world's largest summer conference, will continue to operate as a center for interdenominational religious and educational conferences, with the same strong evangelical thrust as in the past.

Four of the new directors are former members of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly board. They are Paul Johnson, a contractor from Detroit who was formerly president of the assembly corporation; Roy LeTourneau of the LeTourneau Industries in Longview, Texas; Waldo Yeager, a retired businessman from Toledo, Ohio, who was formerly executive director of the conference; and Pat Zondervan, president of the Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The remaining twelve directors were selected from the administration of Grace Schools and from the existing board of trustees of the schools.

The seven-man executive committee of the new board includes Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace College and Seminary, as president of the new corporation; Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, dean of students of Grace College is vice president; Russel Dunlap, business manager of the Schools is secretary-treasurer; and Richard G. Messner, director of development for the Schools is assistant secretary of the corporation.

The remaining three members of the executive committee are Mr. Johnson, Mr. Yeager and Dr. Kenneth Ashman, who is pastor of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, and chairman of the board of trustees of Grace College and Seminary.

Other members of the board of directors include Rev. Robert Collitt of Hagerstown, Maryland; Rev. Richard DeArmey, Osceola, Indiana; Rev. Paul Dick, Winchester, Virginia; Richard Holmes of Wadsworth, Ohio; Dr. O. D. Jobson and Rev. Clyde Landrum of Winona Lake; and E. M. White of Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

Business affairs of the conference are at present being handled by the officers of the new corporation and the matter of a new executive director is under advisement by that committee. All current staff members are being retained at their request. ▼

Members of the new board of directors, Winona Lake Christian Assembly: left to right, Mr. Russel Dunlap, Rev. Paul Dick, Mr. E. M. White, Mr. Pat Zondervan, Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, Dr. O. D. Jobson, Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt (president), Dr. Kenneth Ashman, Mr. Paul Johnson, Rev. Richard DeArmey, Rev. Richard Messner and Mr. Waldo Yeager. Three members not able to be present were Mr. Roy LeTourneau, Mr. Richard Holmes and Rev. Robert Collitt.



Dean Male Granted Ph.D. in Education

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Dr. E. William Male, academic dean of Grace College, was granted the Doctor of Philosophy degree in higher education early in August by Indiana University, according to Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana.

A native of Streator, Illinois, Dr. Male graduated from Oak Park and River Forest Township High School in 1945. After several years in business he entered Western Michigan College of Education (now Western Michigan University), Kalamazoo, Michigan, from which he received the Bachelor of Arts degree, *magna cum laude,* in 1952. From 1952 to 1955 he attended Grace Theological Seminary from which he earned the Bachelor of Divinity degree, also *magna cum laude.*

While serving as the pastor of the First Brethren Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he pursued graduate studies at Temple University from which he received the Master of Education degree in 1959.

He joined the faculty of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College in 1959 but relinquished his teaching duties in the seminary in 1962, when he was appointed dean of the college. Since 1964 he has held the title of academic dean.

Dr. Male is an ordained minister in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, a member of the American Association of Higher Education, a member of Phi Delta Kappa, and since 1962 has served regularly as an institutional representative to such organizations as the Indiana Conference on Higher Education, the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges, and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

He is a member of the Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Indiana, the school board of Warsaw Christian School, the Indiana District Fellowship of Brethren Ministers, National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers, a trustee of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., and a member of the Warsaw, (Ind.) Kiwanis Club.

He is married to the former Ella Beth Kauffman. With their four daughters, Martha Ann, Mary Beth, Ruth Ella and Rebecca Sue, they live in the Kelley addition just south of Winona Lake.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gordon Male, reside at Lake Wales, Florida. ▼



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"We Have a Concern"

Matthew 9:36

ERATOR'S ADDRESS **BY HOMER A. KENT, SR.**

Happy is that people, whose God is Lord" (Ps. 144:15); so said the Psalmist y centuries ago. The words are none less true today, and I believe they have hite application to this assembly tonight ered for the 79th Conference of the ional Fellowship of Brethren Churches. are a people who have acknowledged s Christ as our Saviour and Lord and accepted His Word as our only spiri- chart and compass. We are a blessed ple, therefore, and are the recipients of ifold blessings, even since we met in erence a year ago.

s moderator it is my privilege to wel- e you, the members, ministers, dele- , and friends of our Brethren congre- ns and mission fields, to this 79th An- Conference of our National Fellow- May these be days of precious fellow- among us, enlarged vision of the op- nities afforded us to spread the Gos- days of deepening of our spiritual lives, ne when we shall truly experience a touch from heaven and shall con- anew many of the precious things of aith.

he Executive Committee which planned conference has chosen as the theme for year "We Have a Concern," certainly ppropriate theme for such a time as There is so much hate in the world, uch dissatisfaction, an emptiness in the s of multitudes, a lack of purpose and tion, so much of sin, suffering, and w. A verse of Scripture that provides ting background for this theme is the word concerning our Lord in Matthew 9:36 who, when He saw the multitudes, "was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." It has been said that a crowd is the saddest sight the eye can look upon—a crowd with people in sin, in sickness, with burdens, sorrows, disappointments, many without God, living in a way that does not lead to heaven. With a heart like Christ has, it is no wonder that when He looked upon the crowd, knowing each individual and his need, He had compassion upon them. He saw them as sheep needing desperately the care of a shepherd.

The more we have the mind and likeness of Christ, the more of this same attitude we shall possess as His followers. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" surely has an application broad enough to cover deep compassion for a world in need. In the face of millions adversely affected by reason of bloody warfare, in the face of multiplied millions who suffer from malnutrition as far as the physical body is concerned, (more than a million will die in Biafra before summer's end), in the face of a nation torn by bitter racial strife, in the face of a rising crime wave that is sweeping across our nation as well as other nations, and, most serious of all, in face of an emaciated Gospel that is being preached across the world in the forms of liberalism, neo-evangelicalism, and ecumenicalism, leaving multitudes without a solid foundation for their faith, surely the need

of the affected multitudes demands our compassion and vital concern.

Various aspects of the conference theme will be considered in the Bible hour during the week. And may it be true that in all of our deliberations it may be evident that we do have a concern for a needy world which lies in the lap of the Wicked One, for our nation in this dark hour, for the extension of the Gospel, for our church in all its needs and problems, and for one another.

I call you to a moment of retrospection. Let us pause to reflect upon the goodness of God shown to us since last we met as a national conference. Through the kindness of our national statistician, Brother Kenneth Herman, I have been given a little preview of the report which he will be giving you in detail later this week. For one thing, it is encouraging to note that the Lord has given us a sizable increase in our total membership, a membership in excess of 3 per cent above the total of last year's statistical report. The report shows a total of over 1,900 who came into the church by baptism, which indicates a healthy evangelistic appeal resulting in many conversions. Our total membership now amounts to well over 30,000, and for the increase represented we certainly have reason to thank God and take courage. I feel inclined to include in our total membership the 70,000 plus in our foreign membership. Brethren, the time has come to consider our foreign Brethren of whatever race or language a more integral part of our Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Encouraging as is our membership growth, there is a sober reflection that should be made with respect to our membership in the United States, and that is the fact that the present 30,000-plus total is approximately the total of our membership before the division of 1939, at the time of the Ashland-Grace controversy. It has taken us twenty-eight years to bring our membership to coincide with the figure at the time of the division. In view of the length of time it has taken to retrieve our numerical losses whatever they have due to division, and reach the 30,000 we ought to reflect on the tragic resu division and to determine by God's h preserve our unity lest there be a du tion of past divisiveness.

A look at our giving for denomina enterprises during 1967 gives reason f couragement. In all our major enter save one there were sizable gains in during the year. In the case of fo missions for the first time we went the half-million dollar mark for the su of our seven fields of endeavor. With in the other evangelistic and outreach of our church it is evident that our de ination has given serious attention t Great Commission of our Lord. W have some compassion, some concer the lost. Of course, inflation and costs, which seem to be ever present us, tend to make the gains reflected statistical report less significant than first appear. However, let us thank G what gains there are. They are evid of God's blessing upon us.

As you will be listening to Brothe man's statistical report relating to dance at the various services of the c I think you will be both encourage sobered. You will be encouraged b fact that an increase is noted in most services of the church, such as the Su morning and evening worship service Sunday school, evangelistic meetings, conferences, and communion services. impressive to note that close to 2 of our members, or 84 per cent, atten morning worship services, a slight inc over the previous year. However, we that only 48 per cent of our membe attended the Sunday evening servi slight gain over the previous year, bu slight, less than 1 per cent.

In two areas a bit of reflection is In our midweek prayer services we att a little less faithfully in 1967 than w in 1966. In fact, only 25 per cent one out of four, found ourselves in the

k service during the last year. In view he fact that we are seeking to build a itual church, I urge that each one of our gregations give serious attention to this ter, not only that our prayer services be better attended but also that they be of better quality, true prayer meet-. "Lord, teach us to pray." It has been r moderator's observation that too y unrelated things have been allowed supplant the prayer service, worthy as may be.

nother serious reflection is due con-ing our communion services, those ser-s of which our Lord said, "This do in embrance of me," and "Happy are ye e do these things." The record shows we did a wee bit better in 1967 than did in 1966, but even so, only 41 per of us saw fit to gather about the l's Table at the appointed time. This es me to wonder. We have taken as motto "The Bible, the whole Bible, and ing but the Bible," and yet we have id it convenient apparently to be dis-lient to our Lord's definite exhortation bserve the ordinances centered about Lord's Table. Let me as your modera-urge all our pastors to be faithful in in-g upon the importance of these ob-nces, to teach their glorious signifi-e and impress upon the membership blessing that comes from regularity in rvance of these things.

e must leave other matters relating to successes and failures during the past to your careful study of the forthcom-statistical report, which, I submit to should not be received as a mere re-. I have endeavored to stimulate your est to more attentive listening to it. ght to provoke an examination of our-s and a challenge to more concern for nterprises involved in it.

ow that we have looked at ourselves e have been in the recent past and as re now, let us engage in a bit of pro-on. What about the future of the Na-l Fellowship of Brethren Churches? What will the next ten years reveal, if the Lord tarries, as to our character? Which way are we headed as a denomination? Will The Brethren Church remain true to her Lord and to the motto she has adopted, "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible"?

We are living in perilous times—perilous times for our nation and the nations of the world and perilous times for the church. These perilous times for the church involve compromise with the truth, a turning aside from many of the basic truths of the Word of God. Talk of ecumenical union in the church is heard on every hand these days. Just this past March in Dayton, Ohio, a meeting was held looking toward the speedy union of some ten Protestant denominations with more than 25,000,000 members. Since that meeting two of those ten churches have consummated a merger. This united church will be broad enough to include clergymen such as Bishop James Pike and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, who reject such doctrines as the Trinity, the deity of Christ, the Virgin Birth, the physical resurrection of Christ, and the final authority of the Holy Scriptures. Already some churches have had their doors locked by denominational authorities because they have not been willing to go along with the merger. And the end is not yet!

Our church is not involved in anything like this, for which we thank God. But we need to be on guard lest some of the subtleties of this movement affect us in one way or another. A good layman of our Fellowship who has made distinct contributions in various ways to our Brotherhood wrote me a letter a short time ago bemoaning the ecumenical spirit which he feels is already entering our Fellowship. He didn't identify specifically what he meant. Was he thinking of certain expressions concerning baptism that he had heard, or new ideas on the basis of church membership, or something else? I do not know. But of this I am persuaded: this is a good time to emphasize anew the great absolutes of our

faith and to determine that we will not be turned aside by the strange winds of doctrine now blowing across the world, especially in the professing church. In any action that we may take with respect to *The Message of the Brethren Ministry,* let me urge you to keep this in mind.

We are living in a day when there is a widespread idea that nothing, absolutely nothing, can be allowed to remain the same. There must be change in every realm. There are no absolutes. From this viewpoint we must dissent. Though there are many evident changes and developments in the world, yet there are some eternal verities. Some of these are clearly set forth in *The Message of the Brethren Ministry.* They gather around the eternal Word of God and the eternal Son of God: "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven," and, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Let us continue to hold fast to these eternal truths. It is only as we are firmly established on the rock of evangelical truth that we shall be in a position to manifest a deep compassion toward those who are in hopelessness and despair.

In such a time as this, when there is unrest, unbelief, and uncertainty on every hand, there is offered to us an unparalleled opportunity to hold fast uncompromisingly to the faith "once for all delivered unto the saints." Already we have experienced the coming into our Fellowship of whole groups from those churches who have departed from the faith or compromised therewith. Their reason has been that they have desired to be part of a denomination which stands unwaveringly upon the whole Word of God. I am sure it is our desire as a Fellowship not to disappoint such as these. It may be unwise and possibly dangerous to say that "we have come to the kingdom for such a time as this," but it certainly seems to me that a great challenge faces us as a denomination to present a solid evangelical testimony in this hour. This is no time to retract or compromise.

Akin to such a testimony is the m[illegible] of denominational loyalty, which I [illegible] needs to be stressed. In the midst of [illegible] ecumenical atmosphere which is so p[illegible] lent today there is a tendency to be[illegible] the importance of denominational af[illegible] tions. We hear it said again and a[illegible] "The matter of denominational affilia[illegible] doesn't make any difference to me. [illegible] so I belong to the one true church, th[illegible] all that matters." Now, of course, it [illegible] vital and primary importance to belon[illegible] the one true church, which is the mysc[illegible] body of Christ. But since The Bret[illegible] Church embraces all the Scripture pass[illegible] that reveal the great truths about the b[illegible] of Christ and has professed a vital fait[illegible] the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of [illegible] church, it is a definite part of the bod[illegible] Christ. It is a group of His brethren e[illegible] lished to bear witness for Him in the w[illegible] a fellowship banded together to for[illegible] His work in this dispensation.

Unless we have a true concern f[illegible] strong loyalty and strong devotion to [illegible] Brethren Church, we shall be deficie[illegible] our calling. In these days there is a [illegible] lenge in many areas of life to stan[illegible] and be counted. This is true in the pol[illegible] area; it is true in the educational realm[illegible] on the industrial scene. However, in [illegible] Christian realm too often there is n[illegible] sire to be counted. There are no deep [illegible] victions, no solid doctrinal beliefs. [illegible] attitude is resulting in many mergers [illegible] days with attending compromising a[illegible] ments. All of this seems to fit into [illegible] prophetic picture of a united worl[illegible] ligious organization of the last days ([illegible] 17).

Your moderator believes this is a [illegible] when Brethren people ought to be w[illegible] to declare their stand. We have conf[illegible] faith in the whole Word of God. We pr[illegible] it and teach it. We have different or[illegible] zations and departments in our Fellow[illegible] all with a definite spiritual purpose, [illegible] which are established in harmony with[illegible] claring the Gospel. The program of [illegible]

is designed to exalt our Lord Jesus ist. Why shouldn't each member of The thren Church enthusiastically support n aspect of this Biblical program? Sure- if we belong to the Fellowship, this is responsibility.

We cannot expect those outside our Fel- ship to support our program. Just how l are we manifesting loyalty to our in- utions? The record shows that we en't done too badly in this matter, but few areas there is room to ponder. For ance, the record shows that we gave in 7 upwards of $70,000 to missionary rests outside The Brethren Church n our own interests were crying for ds and involved in deficit situations. n now at this conference there are sev- prospective foreign missionaries who being detained from going to the field heir choice because our churches have yet subscribed to their total support. gave upwards of $20,000 for education- urposes outside our own Fellowship n needs in this area are desperate with- ur own Fellowship. The Christian Edu- on Department of our church reports some 1,500 of our young people, e or less, are attending collegiate in- tions across our land, but only 322 of n were in Grace College this spring ester. Now, of course, there are other l schools besides Grace College, and we k God for every one of them. There ome good and justifiable reasons why e of our young people cannot attend e College. Moreover, I do not know we would do at Grace campus if all 0 of these young people should decide me to Grace all at once! The campus d be more than saturated. But the would manage in a phenomenal way, oubt. Seriously, we do not expect all young people to come to Grace Col- but the number of 322 among 1,500 seem a little out of proportion. Breth- do these figures indicate the direction ay be going? Nor do we expect that per cent of all giving to missions will be to Brethren causes. Surely there are many worthy causes in the missionary realm that need to be supported. But our first responsibility is to care for the enterprises which we have established in our own denomination. It is like parents, whose first responsibility is to their own children, even though they may have proper interests and concern for others outside the immediate family circle. A similar relationship Brethren people bear to their own institutions. The challenge of loyalty comes to us all. Without it we cannot expect our Fellowship to prosper.

In this connection, also, there seems to be an exodus of another sort. Some of our senior constituency are giving up their residences and seeking retirement in good homes, which, quite naturally, cannot provide Brethren atmosphere. Many such persons have given lifelong fidelity to Brethren interests, but the time has come for them to separate themselves from Brethren contacts in order to secure physical care for themselves. This sets up a financial drain from our church interests, also. I would urge that this matter be given more immediate and accelerated consideration than the present committee has been able to give. If funds are needed for further study and finalization of plans, we should provide such. Possibly the committee should be enlarged to include one representative member from each district. This exodus gap can be closed either on district or national levels or both. Brethren, we need to exercise more compassion in this area. This whole matter has been brought to my attention during the past year as I witnessed elderly persons being moved to homes outside our Fellowship. Brethren, we have already been far too slow in caring for this need. I recommend that more aggressive attention be given to this matter as soon as possible.

Since we are thinking about the matter of denominational loyalty and urging that we never lose sight of our only creed expressed in our motto, "The Bible, the whole

Bible, and nothing but the Bible," perhaps we ought to give definite heed to suggestions that have come to me during the past year: namely, that we adopt a denominational emblem or insignia for use in many realms—on stationery, publicity brochures, Sunday-school quarterlies, specifically designed for impressionable young people. I have received some very excellent and artistic designs which are worthy of consideration. I hereby recommend that a committee be appointed to consider this matter and bring a recommendation to conference after careful study.

As we look toward the future in our National Fellowship a matter of concern has to do with more dedicated and prepared young men to pastor our churches. Again and again we hear about the dearth of pastors in our denomination. Every year about commencement time we hear the question asked, Why doesn't Grace Seminary graduate more Brethren ministers? This is a cause of real concern to the seminary as well as to the church, but the fact of the matter is that the seminary can only train the students that are sent to it by Brethren churches across the land. This past semester the seminary enrollment statistics show that there were only forty-nine Brethren students enrolled out of the total 172. This means that it took more than three churches in our Fellowship to provide one student for our seminary. On this basis our churches are not beginning to provide for their own replacements, to say nothing about providing pastors for new churches in an expanding church program. I am not unmindful, of course, of the fact that there are some of our young men who are receiving their seminary training in other institutions besides Grace Seminary. But the situation is still serious.

What is the cause for this situation facing us today? Is it lack of dedication on the part of our young people? Is it the lure of better paying positions or materialism? We have seen some who have turned away from commitments to Christian service and into more lucrative fields. The Lord j judge as to the justification of such cha Has the pastorate lost its appeal for s Has the glory of the pastoral ministry f in the minds of many? One seminary remarked that he was not going int pastorate because "there are too r problems there." He did not want t come involved.

Whatever the reason may be, the faces us that there is a dearth of y men who are dedicating themselves t pastorate and to the mission field. Le be a definite matter of prayer at this ference. Furthermore, I would recom that our pastors give definite attenti this matter in their local churches w passionate effort to challenge their y people and particularly their young m definite Christian service. There is a in the dike" somewhere that needs t remedied. This has a vital relationsh our compassion for a needy world. many sheep without a shepherd!

As I bring this address to a conclu let me plead for a greater passion fo Lord in our constituency and for separated, holy living as the only tru pression of that passion. Count Zinzen the great Moravian missionary said, "I but one passion. It is He and He alone this prosperous age in which we are there is an insistent tendency to subs material things for the reality that Christ Jesus. We need not labor this p We know that our first responsibility love Him who so loved us and gave hi for us. "Lovest thou me?" He ask Peter three times over to emphasize i portance. "Lovest thou me?" the Lord Jesus is asking of every memb our Fellowship today. What is our a to the question? What will be our a throughout the various meetings and erations of this conference?

In the matter of our corporate liv a Brethren people, I think we shou mind ourselves from time to time th forefathers sought to be a "plain" p

peculiar" people definitely separated n the world and its evil tendencies. To- we may smile at some of the customs ur predecessors—the way they dressed, way they traveled, and the way they shiped. But it was true of them that s knew who they were and "their word as good as their bond." I am wonder- if we have not lost something in this rd. In our dress, habits, pleasures, fine es and other luxuries we enjoy, too n it is difficult to recognize the differ- between Christians and the people of world. Remember how God made a erence between the children of Israel the Egyptians long ago. At the time of plagues in Egypt in the midst of the l darkness visited upon the land, 's people had light in their houses, reas there was thick darkness among Egyptians (Exod. 10:23). In other ways the difference between God's le and the people of Egypt who knew God was manifested. Is there no longer fference between us and the children e world? Is there a light in the house y? Or has it been allowed to become dim?

ost of us will admit that there is room closer walk with God, a fuller dedi- n, a more complete separation on the of all of us and our congregations. ors need to emphasize this need and to ster to it from the Word of God. But our people need to be warned against that type of deeper life that stresses undue emotionalism, eradication of the sin nature, speaking in tongues, extrabiblical revelations, numerous baptisms of the Holy Spirit subsequent to the new birth, and the like. This sort of thing does violence to the Word of God and opens the door to all sorts of error. The satisfaction of our spiritual need and a guard against errors in this realm is the preaching of the Word of God in its fullness which we as true Brethren are committed to do. This will result in holy living, evangelistic fervor, missionary zeal.

Let us determine, therefore, that more than ever we will be a Bible-believing, a Bible-preaching and-practicing people, thus making our motto, "The Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible," a living reality. One good brother of long years' standing recently wrote me a letter in which he said, "I am of the conviction that we need a great emphasis on walking in truth, which John emphasizes so strongly in his second and third epistles. We have lost much of our emphasis in this area, in my opinion. The price we are paying is frightening to me." Let us heed such warnings as this and in this conference experience a new passion for God and the things of God and a compelling compassion for a world groping in darkness. May we demonstrate in every possible way in this conference of 1968 that we *do* have a concern.

Devotional Sessions

MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 12

The 79th Annual Conference with the theme "We Have A Concern" began with a special musical program under the direction of Professor Don Ogden. A capacity audience sang, "All Hail The Power."

The first number of a large conference choir was "Yes, I'll Sing the Wonderful Story." The Grace Ambassadors sang a package of songs interspersed with personal testimonies.

Ray Johnson and Glen Dundore, Seminary students, sang "It Is Wonderful." The conference theme chorus "We Have a Concern" was introduced by Professor Ogden.

Solos were sung by Mrs. Don Furrow of Inglewood, Calif., Robert Ashman of Winona Lake, Ind., and Mrs. James Kennedy of Canton, Ohio.

Our Vice Moderator, Rev. Gerald Polman, read Matthew 9:35-38, and introduced Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., who challenged the conference with his moderator's address.

Following the moderator's address, the Brethren chaplains presented an inspiring service. Active chaplains present were Lee Burris and John Talley, U.S. Army; and Carlton Fuller, U.S. Air Force.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 13

Professor Don Ogden served as song leader and led in prayer. In keeping with our conference theme, Rev. Gerald Polman spoke on the subject, "We Have a Conc for our Contemporary Church."

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 13

The Tuesday evening challenge hour devoted to foreign missions with Rev. J Zielasko in charge.

Twenty-three missionaries were on platform, many of whom were in costu and gave testimony.

Announcement was made concer nine new missionaries preparing to g the field.

The Tuesday evening Bible hour tured congregational singing of "Wonde Words of Life" and "Amazing Grace," by conference song leader, Don Og Special music was presented by the con ence choir.

Rev. Dean Fetterhoff read I Thessa ians 1:1-10 and led in prayer. He ther troduced Dr. Malcolm Cronk who brou the first in his series of messages on general theme "The Living Church," b on the book of I Thessalonians.

The message of the evening from first chapter was on the subject "In Beginning," in which he very forcef showed how God built a human bridg the beginning by the incarnation of C and continues to do it by witnesses which people walk into the realm of fai

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 1

Professor Ogden led the congregatio

ging "To God Be the Glory."
Rev. Fred Fogle spoke on the subject e Have A Concern for the American me." He dealt with three main points: Because God is concerned with the fam- 2. Because the family is in trouble; 3. ause of the family's need for strengthen- and for renewal (Deut. 6:4-7).

DNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 14

To open the evening meeting the confer- e choir sang "Saved, Saved, Saved" and ook and Live." Other special music was n by Mrs. Jesse Deloe, Rev. Henry ke, and Rev. Randy Poyner.
Dr. Cronk's message was on the subject ie Nurture of the Church" from I Thes- nians 2.
Three major areas of concern were: h, love, and hope.

URSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15

The East District ministerial trio com- ed of John Terrell, Alva Steffler, and Grabill sang a special number.
The congregation sang "Jesus is All the ld to Me" and the theme chorus, "We e a Concern."
Rev. Robert Salazar of Taos, New Mexi- read Mark 2:1-11 and led in prayer.
The message of the morning was "We e a Concern for Our Community" by . William Smith. He made an enthusi- appeal for total evangelism.

URSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 15

The challenge hour of this evening was er the direction of Grace Schools. A song service was led by Professor Don en.
The seminary quartet, which had sung ther about seven years known as "The lds of Grace," sang three favorites.
Other special music was given by the erence choir and Jerry Franks.
The evening offering was received by . Gerald Polman.

Dr. Malcolm Cronk delivered his third message of the conference which was a fine exposition of I Thessalonians 3:1-13.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16

To open the Bible hour the congregation sang "The Solid Rock" and "Standing on the Promises." Rev. Charles Lawson of Trotwood, Ohio, read Acts. 6:1-7 and led in prayer.

Chaplain John D. Talley was presented by Rev. Clyde Landrum. Chaplain Talley presented a stirring message from Acts 6:4, emphasizing the need to give priority to prayer, to the ministry of the Word, and to witnessing.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 16

The service followed a fine Board of Evangelism challenge hour in which we had the premier showing of the Christian film "No Time To Wait."

The Bible hour opened with the hymn "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men," and the choir sang two beautiful numbers, "Burdens are Lifted at Calvary" and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," which also featured the solo voice of Rev. Gerald Polman.

Rev. Harold Painter led in prayer.

Dr. Malcolm Cronk brought his fourth message of the conference. In this he dealt with I Thessalonians 4:1-12, giving a very powerful presentation on the importance of the sanctity of the home and the need for it to be preserved by love, cooperation, and working together.

He spoke very frankly and profitably concerning the proper place of sex in the home, including dangers and evils of an improper use thereof.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17

The song service was led by Rev. Jesse Deloe. Rev. Robert E. A. Miller read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer.

Rev. Scott Weaver spoke on the theme "We Are Concerned about Worldwide Evan-

gelism."

He illuminated and developed this theme by relating the experiences of his seven weeks of evangelistic services in Brazil with two co-workers in the musical ministry.

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 17

The Saturday evening youth rally was indeed a climactic service. Built around the theme "Alive unto God," this rally featured the young people in their all-star quizzing finals, and the NAC talent awards. The program gave evidence of much planning and preparation. Great things are ahead for our youth as this strong emphasis continues over the year ahead.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

There was fine interest in the vario Sunday-school classes under the directi of the Department of Christian Educatio Dr. Cronk brought his series of messages a close in a service which featured a de cation service for foreign missionaries u der appointment. The afternoon missio rally featured home missionaries and tho from foreign fields in a joint service. T final service of the day and of the conf ence featured a message by Pastor Kenne Teague on the subject "We Have A Co cern for Man's True Happiness." It wa fitting climax to a great conference!

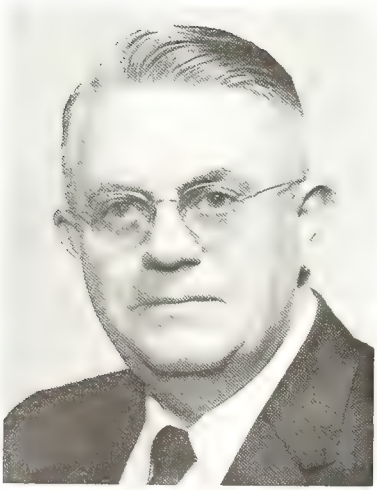
1970 National Conference To Be Held at Boca Raton, Florida

The 1970 conference will be one you'll not want to miss! For the first time in the history of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, a national conference will be held in Florida! A committee of Florida pastors and laymen are already hard at work, and you'll be reading and hearing reports concerning plans in the coming months.

Site of the conference will be the world famous Boca Raton Bible Conference grounds. Accommodations are good, and meeting places for auxiliary groups will be provided. The Brethren Youth Conference will also meet near the conference area, and you'll receive information on this later.

Mark your calendar now, and plan to bring the entire family for a time of spiritual refreshment, as well as a time of relaxation and sight-seeing in the lovely state of Florida. On to Florida in 1970!

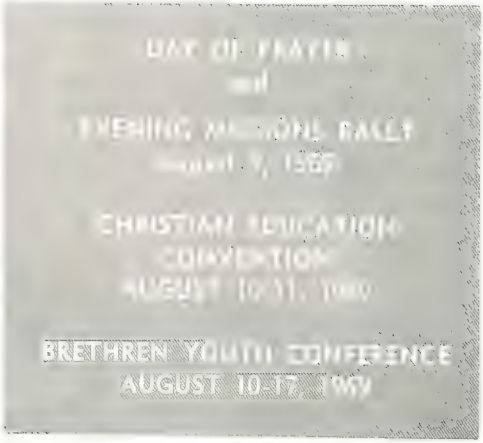
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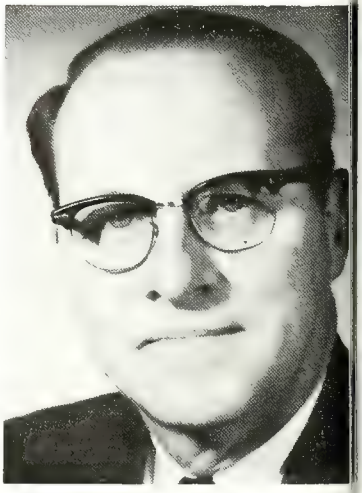


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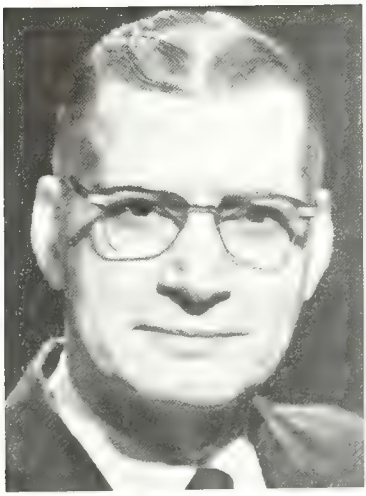


Rev. Clyde K. Landrum
Secretary





Mr. Kenneth E. Herman
Statistician



Mr. Frank Poland
Treasurer

Business Sessions

FIRST SESSION, AUGUST 13

The first business session of the 79th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, meeting at Winona Lake, Indiana, was officially opened by the Moderator, Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr.

A motion prevailed to accept the report of the Membership Committee. They reported 342 lay delegates and 174 ministerial delegates, for a first-day total of 516. These delegates were seated.

A motion prevailed that we adopt the list of member-churches of the NFBC as presented by the conference secretary.

A motion was made that we receive the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) into the NFBC. The motion was passed.

A motion was made that we receive the Grace Brethren Church of Santa Maria (California) into the NFBC. The motion was passed.

A motion was made that we receive the Grace Brethren Bible Church of Omaha (Nebraska) into the NFBC. The motion was passed.

A motion was made that we receive the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown (Pennsylvania) into the NFBC. The motion was passed.

A motion was made that we receive the Grace Brethren Church of Greensburg (Pennsylvania) into the NFBC. The motion was passed.

A motion was made that we receive the Grace Brethren Church of Coolville (Ohio) into the NFBC. The motion was passed.

A motion prevailed to adopt the agenda as presented by the executive secretary.

A motion prevailed that the repor
the Nominating Committee be accep
and that the following names be place
nomination:

MODERATOR: Russell D. Barnard, Donal
Carter
VICE-MODERATOR: Wesley Haller, G. Fo
Jackson
SECRETARY: Lee H. Dice, Clyde K. Landru
ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Robert D. K
Phillip J. Simmons
TREASURER: Frank Poland, Robert Russell
STATISTICIAN: Kenneth E. Herman, Warre
Tamkin
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Harold H
ling, F. Thomas Inman, Edward Lewis, E
E. Peer, Harold B. Penrose, Charles W. Tu

The following persons were nomina
from the floor:

MODERATOR: John Mayes
VICE-MODERATOR: Charles H. Ashman, Jr.
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: James Cus

A motion was passed that nominati
be closed.

A motion was made and passed to pl
in nomination the following persons
membership on the National Confere
Executive Committee:

Allegheny: Shimer Darr, Frank Rice
East: Victor Rogers, Robert D. Crees
Florida: Herman Koontz
Indiana: Lee Myers, Jerry Young
Iowa: John Aeby
Michigan: Donald Taylor
Mid-Atlantic: Robert Dell, Gerald Teet
Midwest: Robert Firl
Northern Atlantic: Richard McCarthy
Nor-Cal: Lewelyn Ingwaldson
North Central Ohio: Larry K. Geg
Mason Cooper
North East Ohio: John Burke, Ja
Kennedy
Northwest: John Mayes
Southeast: William Byers, W. Carl Mi
So. Calif.-Ariz: Dave Hocking, Harold H

rose, Donald Carter, Ralph Colburn
Southern Ohio: Jesse Deloe, Forrest Jackson

A motion prevailed that the nominees
he Executive Committee of the Nation-
ellowship of Brethren Churches be elec-
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Russell D. Barnard, Chairman of the
nmittee on the Revision of the Message
the Brethren Ministry, gave the follow-
report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
REVISION OF THE
ESSAGE OF THE BRETHREN MINISTRY

In the Moderator's Address last year there was
specific recommendation that a committee
uld be appointed to review and revise the
ement known as "The Message of the Breth-
Ministry." In due process the Conference
ed a committee of nine for this purpose. The
mittee met for organization, and some pre-
nary considerations in the afternoon of the
Sunday of Conference. Two or three meet-
of the available members of the committee
e held, as well as two other official meetings,
one on February 23, and the other on August
968.

In the beginning of its work the committee
eved it should know the attitude of the minis-
of the denomination with respect to the
ssage of the Brethren Ministry." To know
attitude a letter was sent to every person
d in the Brethren Annual, including a copy
he "Message," and a questionnaire. There
e some 160 replies, and over 100 of these be-
ed some clarifications, changes or additions
uld be made. Before taking action, each mem-
of the committee reviewed all answers re-
ed.

In the Moderator's Address of last year, Dr.
nn O'Neal also made mention of a committee
ed some 17 or 18 years ago. It was called
Committee for the Expansion of the Message
he Brethren Ministry." That committee was
posed of brethren Kenneth Ashman, A. J.
lain, Paul R. Bauman, Glenn O'Neal, Herman
ntz and Robert E. A. Miller. Russell Barnard
the Chairman of that Committee. There were
ral meetings over a period of two years, and a
ial report was given to the National Minis-
im in 1953. A straw vote was taken, reveal-
great favor to the Statement prepared. How-
, there was fear in the thinking of many be-
e of litigation so recent in some areas of our
rch. As a result of this, the committee recom-
ded to the Conference in that year that the
k be discontinued, and the committee dis-
ed. This was done.

Now, in an early meeting of our present com-
ee, it was thought the effort and results of
former committee should not be lost. Our
mittee, therefore, took the copy of 1953 as a
ral pattern, and after giving consideration to all the suggestions sent in by the 160 pastors, have prepared a Statement which carries the endorsement of each member of the committee.

In its work the committee sought to keep several things in mind:

1. To express that which is believed to be the consensus of opinion of our Brethren Ministers,
2. Keep the Statement as brief as possible, consistent with the needs,
3. Add Scripture verses to buttress every statement,
4. Review and revise certain areas for clarification and consistency,
5. Strengthen the Statement in its purpose to present the teaching of the Word of God,
6. Be careful to keep the wording clear, positive, and grammatical.

Much work has been done, but your committee believes much more work should be done before a Statement of such wide import is presented for final consideration. Your committee therefore recommends that it be continued for the work hoping to be able to present a Statement for the consideration of the Conference in 1969. In the immediate future it is the purpose of the committee to send copies of our present findings to each member of the National Ministerium by mail for private, careful and prayerful consideration, and report back to the committee. Questionnaires will be included for this purpose. The committee will then carefully reconsider the Statement now prepared in light of all the responses.

Russell D. Barnard, chairman
Homer A. Kent, Jr., secretary
John M. Aeby
Harold H. Etling
Mark E. Malles
W. A. Ogden
Lester E. Pifer
Bernard N. Schneider
John C. Whitcomb

A motion prevailed to accept this report "which implies the continuance of the committee for another year for further work."

A motion prevailed to accept the report of the Executive Committee, setting August 10-17 as the dates for the 1969 National Conference at Winona Lake, Indiana.

Norman Uphouse, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, gave his report listing the committees for 1969. A motion prevailed to accept this report. (See pages 2, 3 and 4.)

A motion prevailed that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND SESSION, AUGUST 14

The second business session was opened with prayer by A. Rollin Sandy.

A motion prevailed to receive the additional report of the Membership Committee adding 81 lay delegates and 69 ministerial for a second-day total of 666. These delegates were seated.

A motion was made and passed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as corrected.

James Dixon, chairman of the Rules and Organization Committee, announced the results of the election as follows:

Moderator: Russell D. Barnard
Vice Moderator: Wesley Haller
Secretary: Clyde K. Landrum
Assistant Secretary: Phillip J. Simmons
Treasurer: Frank Poland
Statistician: Kenneth E. Herman
Committee on Committees:
Harold Etling, Chairman
Earle E. Peer
James Custer

Dean Fetterhoff, chairman of the Board of Evangelism, presented the following names for election to the Board of Evangelism for a three-year period:

Robert Collitt
Joe Dombek
Robert Foltz
Bryson Fetters
Warren Zellner
Richard Sellers
Douglas Bray

Election was held and the following were elected:

Robert Collitt
Joe Dombek
Bryson Fetters
Richard Sellers

A motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Statistician:

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

Year Ending December 31, 1967

DISTRICT	No. Churches Reporting 1965	1966	1967	Membership 1966	1967
Allegheny	12	12	12	1,629	1,647
East	16	16	16	2,613	2,572
Florida	5	5	7	498	649
Indiana	18	18	18	2,157	2,074
Iowa	8	9	10	976	1,027
Michigan	7	7	8	412	449
Mid-Atlantic	10	10	10	2,159	2,280
Midwest	7	7	7	624	
No. Atlantic	12	12	12	1,195	1
Nor-Cal	7	7	7	551	
No. Ohio	26	27	27	4,307	4
Northwest	12	12	13	1,097	1
So. Calif.-Ariz	35	36	37	7,206	7
Southeast	14	16	18	2,100	2
So. Ohio	17	18	16	2,038	1
TOTALS:	206	212	218	29,563	30
Increases	10	8	6	654	1
Puerto Rico	2	2	2	39	
Hawaii	0	2	2	–	

	Sunday-school Enrollment 1966	1967	Sunday-sch Attendanc 1966	19
Allegheny	1,822	1,897	1,363	1,
East	2,522	3,208	2,262	2,
Florida	1,087	1,322	718	
Indiana	2,993	2,949	2,124	2,
Iowa	1,307	1,510	907	1,
Michigan	760	813	559	
Mid-Atlantic	3,000	3,061	2,155	2,
Midwest	784	819	654	
No. Atlantic	2,020	2,092	1,571	1,
Nor-Cal	941	963	609	
No. Ohio	5,583	5,860	4,052	4,
Northwest	1,401	1,329	988	1,
So. Calif.-Ariz	10,458	10,098	7,111	7,
Southeast	2,570	2,643	1,832	2,
So. Ohio	2,408	2,261	1,809	1,
TOTALS:	39,656	40,825	28,714	29,
INCREASES:	424	1,169	401	
Puerto Rico	75	90	52	
Hawaii	–	253	–	

CHURCHES FROM WHICH NO REPORT WAS RECEIVED

DISTRICT
Southern Ohio–Troy, Ohio
Allegheny–Weirton, West Virginia

NEW CHURCHES REPORTING

DISTRICT
Iowa–Omaha, Nebraska
Florida–Saint Petersburg, Florida
So. Calif.-Ariz.–Santa Maria, California

MEMBERSHIP (CONTINENTAL U. S. A.

	1966	19
Total membership at beginning of year	29,207	29,
ADDED:		
By letter from other denominations	243	
By letter from other Brethren churches	532	
By baptism	1,864	1,
Other	150	
Total additions	2,789	2,
LOST:		
To other denominations by letter	306	
To other Brethren churches	495	
By death	215	

dismissal	69	36
roll revision	1,284	779
her	64	138
Total losses	2,433	1,854
Net gain	356	1,087
tal membership at end of year	29,563	30,650
ine-immersed membership reported	28,858	27,665
le members	12,479	13,110
male members	16,153	16,767

FOR OTHERS OFFERINGS DISBURSED
(Figures to the nearest whole dollar)

	1966	1967
reign Missions Total	$483,307	$504,015
Total Support	283,577	295,739
General Fund	126,755	143,130
Outfit Club	18,619	16,114
Total Brethren Foreign Missions	430,951	425,779
Non-Brethren Foreign Missions	52,356	49,032
me Missions Total	323,933	319,049
General Fund	188,444	195,347
Jewish	13,350	13,389
Navajo	28,875	26,239
Special	10,230	11,302
Total Brethren Home Missions	240,899	232,673
District Missions	54,784	53,764
Non-Brethren	28,250	19,008
ristian Education Total	179,979	197,971
Grace College and Seminary Total	116,215	117,724
Operating Expenses	73,876	76,674
Building Fund	20,493	30,861
Special	13,373	10,189
Christian Education Department Total	29,266	26,219
Non-Brethren Christian Education Total	13,901	18,924
Youth for Christ		11,214
Christian Service Brigade		6,529
Other	20,597	17,361
blication Total	52,757	59,699
Brethren Missionary Herald Offering	19,489	23,400
Radio	24,316	31,602
Special Publications	8,686	4,697
angelism Total	58,990	66,877
Meeting Love Offerings	38,583	41,083
Board of Evangelism	11,063	16,188
Other	9,344	9,606
Auxiliary Organizations Offerings Disbursed for Others	61,878	53,189
Total for others sent by 12/31	1,160,844	1,213,738
Total offerings for others held thru 12/31	39,089	67,741

LOCAL CHURCHES' EXPENDITURES:
(Figures to the nearest whole dollar)

	1966	1967
Bible School Total	$227,924	$234,408
Equipment	51,012	40,415
Literature	147,258	151,222
DVBS Supplies	26,443	24,956
Building Total	2,863,044	3,041,486
New buildings	1,846,103	1,771,642
Improvements	268,894	348,883
Building debt principle paid	423,204	513,082
Building debt interest paid	318,060	419,631
Christian Day Schools		
Local expenses total	775,670	886,769
Buildings and improvements	13,631	15,282
Equipment	36,842	25,202
Operating expenses	235,238	296,775
Teachers' salaries	396,547	428,152
Building debt payments	23,297	22,729
Current local expenses total	2,038,059	2,187,411
Pastors' salary total	1,095,710	1,120,502
Base salaries	815,483	774,340
Designated housing	101,105	171,763
Estimated parsonage rental	79,410	78,676
Allowance for utilities	32,595	32,227
Car allowance	49,176	57,746
Conference expense	17,941	25,003
Other regular salaries	309,471	316,679
Operational expenses: Utilities, office supplies, maintenance, etc.	603,970	671,437
Evangelistic services expenses	12,362	17,568
Other and Bible Conference expenses	16,546	15,832
Youth camps—local expenses total	18,647	35,694
Camp buildings	4,533	13,928
Camp operation	3,678	9,077
Help for campers	7,814	11,296
By auxiliary organizations for their own local expenses	45,403	51,115
Other local expenditures	147,517	164,117
Total local churches' expenditures	6,116,264	6,351,744
Total expenditures for local and others	7,277,108	7,565,482

SOURCES OF INCOME
(Figures to the nearest whole dollar)

	1966	1967
For local building fund and equipment total	$2,953,718	$3,403,019
Raised locally	1,152,079	1,417,334
By loans	1,745,372	1,819,637
BHMC appropriation	13,405	25,578
Other (fire insurance, etc.)	42,862	227,107
For pastors' salaries total	1,019,535	1,054,396

Paid by local churches	911,516	936,696
Paid by district mission board	19,417	16,670
Paid by BHMC	74,134	90,903
By other means	2,967	18,846

CURRENT CASH ASSETS

End of year total	468,387	604,663
Local funds on hand	429,298	547,194
For other funds on hand locally	39,089	46,798

PROPERTIES AND VALUATIONS AS OF DECEMBER 31

Church buildings and lots	17,666,025	20,630,410
Church equipment	1,698,280	2,043,001
Parsonages	1,262,949	1,255,172
Other properties	2,667,713	2,366,877
Other investments	233,845	368,917
Local funds on hand	429,298	573,840
Total assets	23,958,110	26,264,295
Amount owed on church properties	7,692,916	8,715,349
Net worth	16,265,194	17,549,418
Increase in net worth	329,122	1,284,224

SERVICE STATISTICS:

	1966 Attendance	1967 Attendance
Morning worship	25,083	25,859
Evening worship	14,238	14,675
Prayer meeting	7,748	7,649
Revival–evangelistic	9,812	11,184
Bible conferences	3,624	3,712
Missionary conferences	10,176	8,067
Sunday school conferences	374	667
Communion	12,500	12,602
Other	4,564	4,504
Recorded conversions	3,386	3,311

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Bible School	Enrolled 1967	Attendance 1967
Staff and teachers	4,136	3,480
Nursery, 0-3	2,278	1,723
Kindergarten, 4-5	2,985	2,138
Primary, 1-2-3 gr.	4,958	3,521
Junior, 4-5-6 gr.	5,007	3,603
Junior high, 7-8-9 gr.	3,851	2,765
Senior high, 10-11-12 gr.	3,232	2,310
Young people, 18-24 yrs.	1,912	1,191
Adults, 25 yrs.–over	12,516	8,922
Total	40,875	29,653
Extensions of the Bible school		
Cradle roll	840	
Home department	241	
Child evangelism	2,543	1,903

Vacation Bible School pupils	18,070	15,[illegible]
Number on staff.	3,815	3,[illegible]
Total DVBS	22,719	20,[illegible]

Summer Camps–1967 only

	Enrollment District	Da– Natio[illegible]
Directors	52	
Teachers	117	[illegible]
Counselors	278	[illegible]
Other workers	162	[illegible]
Campers	2,521	[illegible]

Brethren youth work

Fellowship groups	Enrolled	At– da[illegible]
Pre-school	318	[illegible]
Primary to 9 yrs.	637	[illegible]
Junior to 11 yrs.	960	[illegible]
Junior High	997	[illegible]
Senior High	1,039	[illegible]
Young People	254	[illegible]
Adults	638	[illegible]
Comb. 4, 5, 6	1,135	[illegible]
Girls' Work		
SMM		
Junior	945	[illegible]
Middler	597	[illegible]
Senior	395	[illegible]
Combination.	371	[illegible]
Little Sisters	516	[illegible]
Pioneer Girls.	243	[illegible]
Other	59	[illegible]
Boys' Work		
Battalion CSB	573	[illegible]
Stockade CSB	615	[illegible]
Brethren Boys' Club	156	[illegible]
Other	165	[illegible]
Women's Missionary Council	4,061	3,[illegible]
Laymen	1,280	1,[illegible]
Christian day schools:		
Pupils		2,[illegible]
Graduates		[illegible]
Teachers		[illegible]
Other personnel		

RELATIONSHIPS AND PERCENTAGES

	196[illegible]
FINANCIAL (Per Capita)	
Total annual expenditure	$24[illegible]
Total local expenditure	20[illegible]
Total giving for others	[illegible]
Foreign missions	[illegible]
Home missions	[illegible]
Education	[illegible]
Publications	[illegible]
Evangelism	[illegible]
Christian Education Department	[illegible]
ATTENDANCE (Percent of Membership)	
Morning worship	84
Evening worship	48
Prayer meeting	25
Revival meetings	36
Bible conferences	12

Missionary conferences	26
Conversions recorded:	
1 for every	9.3 members
Net membership gain:	
1 for every	28 members

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Herman
National Statistician

The following report of the Christian ducation Department was given by Dr. arold Etling and Rev. Dave Hocking. A otion prevailed to accept this report:

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

In the gracious providence of God, it is our ivilege to report to this conference for the oard of Christian Education. Since the scope of tivities of this board are so varied and exciting, becomes essential that we shall limit ourselves the report. This is never an easy task, for Chris- an education is at the very heart of the work every one of our churches.

Statistical Review: The statistician of this nference has just reported his findings, and we not intend to duplicate that which he has so ly done. However, we do desire to call atten- on to a few facts from that report, which call tention to some other desires which are ours a board.

Sunday schools: The report of the statistician r 1967 indicates that we had an overall increase average attendance approximating 2%. For is we praise God, for we are living in a day nen in many denominations and fellowships this not the picture. There is a subtle attack being ade upon the Sunday school which is causing me to ask questions concerning its effectiveness. e are convinced that this teaching arm of the urch is more essential in our day than ever be- re.

Let me add to this report of the statistician st a few observations. One hundred and six of ır schools showed increases while 83 showed sses. Fifteen remained static, and we added even new schools to our rosters this past year, r a total of 215 schools. The encouraging fac- r in the 2% increase is that 45 of our schools about 20% showed a higher average atten- nce in 1967 than in any previous year of their corded history. In addition, several others tied evious records of attendances and at least two, though reporting lower averages, actually gave nucleus of their people to begin new Sunday ıools and churches. We believe that all of these urches should have special commendation for ob well done.

On the other side of the picture is the fact at 42 of our schools reported less than 50 in erage attendance, 60 additional were under 100, d 46 more were under 150. This means that 48 of our schools or 68.83% of our schools average less than 150 each Sunday.

We rejoice in every individual in every church and Sunday school, but we continue to encourage and urge our schools to do everything in the area of Sunday school to show continuous growth. We believe Sunday schools should continue to be an outreaching arm of the church.

Brethren Training Hour: This is the new name for the former Brethren Youth Fellowship program. Without doubt, there is some confusion in the reporting of this area of our work, but we have discovered some facts to share:

In total attendance, we have a decrease from 4,575 persons to 4,287 from 1966 to 1967. Sixty-eight churches showed gains, while 62 showed losses in this department of our work, with 8 remaining static. With the present program of Brethren Training Hour placing emphasis upon the training aspect, at every age level we are planning to help churches in this area of the work in the next year.

Vacation Bible Schools: This is an encouraging report in many aspects. Our attendances have increased every year in this program. In 1967, we had a daily average of 20,259 in the program. One-hundred and seventy-five of our schools reported conducting schools. The one trend that we should like to see reversed is the trend to 5-day schools. We believe a ten-day school ought to be carried on even though the cost in time and money may be greater. We want to get information a bit quicker on our schools, and so very shortly, we will be suggesting to our churches a reporting of their school for 1969 at an earlier date. Watch for this additional report that we desire to upgrade our keeping touch with Vacation Bible Schools. Our churches were a part of a survey made this past year, and we expect to follow this up in another year in even greater fashion.

Christian Day Schools: A total of 16 schools were reported by our churches in 1967. These had various groupings of age from pre-school through kindergarten and including then the 12th grade. Our enrollment for 1967 showed a total of 2,450 pupils, with 112 teachers in 1966 as over against 136 in 1967. Your Christian Education Department continues its research in this area of our work so that we might more aggressively promote and encourage Christian Day School work.

Boys' and Girls' Work: One-hundred and twenty-two of our churches reported having SMM groups, and here again these vary from one group to four in a local church. In addition, 14 of our churches now report having Pioneer Girls Clubs, and one having an Awana Girls Club. This means that 137 of our churches have at least one or more girls' work programs in their churches in addition to Sunday school.

Boys' work is less in that we have 5 churches reporting Brethren Boys Clubs, 15 have Battalion, and an additional 25 have both Stockade and Battalion—or a total of 40 have reported Battalions, with 9 having only Stockade. Two churches have additional boys work—one reported conduc-

ting their own boys club, and one in Sky Pilots of America. This means 56 of our 215 churches have a boys work beyond Sunday school.

Camp: The reports on our camps indicate that we are making progress in the area of camping, particularly as it relates to youth. Fifty-two weeks of camp were held, with 117 teachers, an additional 278 counsellors, and 162 other workers, who served 2,521 people in camp. This is in addition to our National Youth Conference and other camps where our churches were involved. One-hundred and fifty-nine churches reported having young people in attendance at summer camps.

Publications: A continuing program of reaching our constituency with publications is carried on through the Leaders paper, "Succeed," which now has a mailing of approximately 5,000. Our new youth paper, "Accent," published monthly in cooperation with the Foreign Missions Society of our church, is going to more than 7,200 youth and their leaders. "Hot Line" is a new one-page publication going to all Christian education leaders for the express purpose of carrying one idea each month, and is included with the mailing of contest standings for the month.

The Training Hour Handbook is now available, having been a major publication during this past year.

Training in Missionary Endeavor—T-I-M-E: Perhaps the most exciting program of our department at the moment is our "TIME" program, because of the 20 young people that are just returning from their summer assignments. We met yesterday afternoon with several of the missionaries who have had these young people working with them during these last weeks, and the reports are glowing. This was a major undertaking on the part of our department, and we are happy to report good success.

Christian Education and Brethren Youth Conference: You were here, and are here now, observing our young people in attendance at the youth conference. Our Christian Education Convention brought large groups of people together to study the "How To" part of doing the work of Christian education. The youth conference continues with their program for us on Saturday night. Approximately 325 youth, plus their counsellors are in attendance.

Brethren Student Life Volunteers—B.S.L.V.: This program is to be put into active programming by the first of October. We are urging every church to be involved in this program which will give guidance and help to all who yield their lives to Christ for service as He shall give direction. We are ready to move on this program, and you will have a supply of material in your church in early fall.

Our board has made definite and positive programs and set into the production mill the materials that will help to meet the challenges of 1968 and into the 1970's. We believe the future of The Brethren Church lies in its adoption of an aggressive program of Christian education at the level of the local church.

Financial: Our financial statement for 1967 is included in your packets for your inspecti We would call attention to the fact that our come was less than our expenses by $1,445. This was caused by two factors: Our exper were partially higher because of the building an inventory of some items we carry for our p gram and resale. Then—and the major item— church offerings were $28,095.18. We have couraged our churches to set a goal of at le $2 per Sunday-school member. If this could met, it would mean about $80,000. This in self would pay for all of our expenses and per us to do a larger job than we are doing at moment. We are paying our bills as we go, a can only expand our service to your church a mine, as we get under the load of this budg Our net worth at the close of 1967 $18,892.25.

Staff and Board: Finally, let me report thanksgiving for the wonderful board that gi guidance along the way, and a wonderful st that enables us to accomplish that which y have charged us with by way of responsibili Their names are included in our *Annual* each ye and we urge you to pray with us and for us dai

Respectfully submitted,
Harold H. Etling, director

STATEMENT OF
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
December 31, 1967

Assets:		
Cash	$ 2,425.76	
Petty cash	4.88	
Restricted funds	1,520.11	
Total cash		$ 3,950.
Accounts receivable.	2,377.34	
Less: reserve for bad debts	-311.40	
		2,065.9
Office equipment	17,831.60	
Less: Equity of other boards $ 180.00		
Less: Reserve for depreciation 8,562.69		
	-8,742.69	
		9,088.9
Filmstrips	$ 3,105.31	
Less: reserve for depreciation	-1,100.00	
		2,005.3
Inventory		5,238.3
Total assets		$ 22,349.2
Liabilities and Net Worth		
Notes payable (BIF)	$ 2,504.92	
Notes payable (1st Nat'l)	1,000.00	
Accounts payable	1,142.08	
Accrued taxes payable	255.57	
Total	$ 4,902.57	

Net worth	$ 18,892.25	
Expenses over income	1,445.59	
	17,446.66	
Total net worth and liabilities		$ 22,349.23

STATEMENT OF OPERATION
OF
IE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

For year ending December 31, 1967

ome		
Church offerings		$ 28,095.18
Grace College and Seminary Subsidy		500.00
Youth Conference		10,614.35
Conference and convention offerings		1,843.43
Honorarium–Harold H. Etling		1,193.00
Honorarium–Dan Grabill		984.33
Honorarium–Mert Lambert		60.00
Individual (YP)		63.00
Special offerings		5,986.19
Consideration		1,500.00
Supply sales materials	$ 17,744.62	
Less: Materials cost	$ 15,178.73	
Less: Materials postage	445.91	
	-15,624.64	
	$ 2,119.98	
Service sales		1,547.94
Filmstrip rental		327.20
Discount earned		208.28
Interest earned		142.57
Miscellaneous		165.83
Total income		$ 55,351.28
penses		
Salaries		26,236.72
Travel–Harold H. Etling		1,490.89
Travel–Dan Grabill		1,064.55
Travel–Mert Lambert		197.94
Office postage		1,878.67
Office supplies		1,101.79
Rent		1,200.00
Telephone		534.35
Administrative expense		2,431.71
Social Security		829.58
Promotion		331.02
Office expense		390.03
Miscellaneous		243.55
Hospitalization		548.02
Depreciation		1,660.19
Bad debts		.45
Insurance–HHE		66.88
Insurance–Office		64.00
Equipment, maintenance and repairs		313.59
Publications		2,312.20
Convention expense		252.26
Speakers' rooms		164.40
Trophies		214.35
National Achievement Competition		132.79
Youth conference		9,255.81
Youth week		552.40
Staff conference expense		160.00
Interest expense		255.91
T.I.M.E.		1,018.66
Quiz team trip		1,022.16
Conference building rental		100.00
Travel–conference speakers		155.00
Honorarium–C.E.D. & Y.C.		330.00
Travel–Others		47.00
Membership fees		240.00
Total expenses		$ 56,796.87
Expenses over income		$ 1,445.59

A motion prevailed to adjourn the meeting.

THIRD SESSION, AUGUST 15

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the Membership Committee adding 2 lay delegates and 3 ministerial for a third-day total of 671. These delegates were seated.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A motion prevailed to accept the following report by the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits:

THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EMERGENCY AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES, INC.

Statement of Recorded Cash Receipts
Cash Disbursements, and Cash Balance
For the period of January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1967

	Total	Ministers Account	Emergency Account	Retirement Account
CORDED CASH RECEIPTS:				
Contributions	$16,678.55	$ 4,927.87	$ 3,200.97	$ 8,549.71
Interest	2,757.49	145.86	444.66	2,166.97

Loan Collections	3,500.00		1,500.00	2,000
Recovery of Expense	36.72		27.54	8
Total Recorded Cash Receipts	$22,972.76	$ 5,073.73	$ 5,173.17	$12,72
RECORDED CASH DISBURSEMENTS:				
Withdrawals from fund	$ 547.41	$ 547.41		
Relief payments	1,113.85		1,113.85	
Retirement payments	9,956.24			9,95
Ministers life premiums	3,079.14	3,079.14		
Loans made	5,600.00	1,600.00	4,000.00	
Operating Expenses:				
Office and administrative	84.89			
Printing and artwork	420.84			
Travel expense	49.18			
Accounting	60.00			
Honorarium	225.00			
Secretary service	355.00			
Surety bond	25.00			
Total operating expenses	$ 1,219.91		$ 914.93	$ 30
Total recorded cash disbursements	$21,516.55	$ 5,226.55	$ 6,028.78	$10,26
Excess of recorded cash receipts over cash disbursements	$ 1,456.21	$ (152.82)	$ (855.61)	$ 2,46
Transfer from Minister Account to Retirement Account		(597.10)		59
CASH BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1967	2,324.77	3,828.58	2,253.89	(3,75
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1967	$ 3,780.98	$ 3,078.66	$ 1,398.28	($69

Note: This statement is prepared on the cash basis and therefore does not reflect amounts of collected receipts or unpaid bills. It was not practicable to verify loans and investments, but based balances as recorded as of December 31, 1966, and reflecting current period cash transactions, value of loans and investments as of December 31, 1967, amounts to $41,190.00, which added to ca in bank of $3,780.98 results in a combined asset value of $44,970.98 as of December 31, 1967.

The following persons were nominated for a three-year term on The Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits: Gerald Polman, Clair Brickel, and Bryson Fetters. A motion prevailed that these be declared elected.

A motion prevailed to suspend the agenda of the day in order that consideration could be given to certain recommendations of the Executive Committee.

1. The Executive Committee for the 1969 Conference requests that the conference set up a Hospitality Committee whose responsibilities will include the setting up of an information booth and the registration of all delegates and guests so that they can be contacted in case of emergency.

A motion prevailed to accept this recommendation.

2. The Executive Committee for the 1969 Conference recommends that the 1970 Conference be held at Bo Raton, Florida, August 16-23.

A motion prevailed to accept this reco mendation.

3. The Executive Committee for te 1969 Conference recommends th the pastors of the Florida District n cooperation with their laymen e authorized to serve as an arrangemet committee for the Florida Conferen in 1970 and that Rev. Gene Witz be named chairman.

A motion prevailed to accept this reco mendation.

A motion prevailed to accept the follo ing report of the Committee on Int national Fellowship of Brethren Churche

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

During the past year, under the direction Dr. Orville Jobson, your committee on the Int national Fellowship of Brethren Churches h

mmunicated, either by letter or in person, with rethren in each of our overseas fields.

Rev. Scott Weaver presented greetings in person to the Brazilian Churches and Dr. Raymond ingrich did the same in Hawaii.

All other fields were contacted through letrs directed to the churches through missionaries the field.

We are assured by our missionaries that the verseas churches did appreciate being remembred by this conference and wish to express their eetings to us in return.

A motion prevailed to accept the following report by the Board of Evangelism:

BOARD OF EVANGELISM
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF
BRETHREN CHURCHES
FINANCIAL REPORT
July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968

he listing below includes offerings from crusade eetings, soul-winning conferences and laymen's oups. The asterisk indicates where meetings ere held.

alance on hand July 1, 1967	$ 4,874.49
LLEGHENY DISTRICT	
Accident, Md.	30.00
Aleppo, Pa.	19.50
*Grafton, W. Va.	258.63
*Jenners, Pa.	268.00
*Listie, Pa.	195.87
*Meyersdale, Pa.	401.00
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	69.45
Parkersburg, W. Va.	38.00
Stoystown, Pa.	17.25
Uniontown, Pa.	36.50
*Washington, Pa.	315.83
Westernport, Md.	5.00
District Laymen.	54.68
AST DISTRICT	
*Altoona, Pa. (First)	108.00
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	4.00
Conemaugh, Pa.	115.50
*Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	518.53
*Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill).	348.20
*Duncansville, Pa.	469.80
Everett, Pa.	106.25
*Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg).	522.63
Johnstown, Pa. (First).	47.00
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown).	2.00
Johnstown Pa. (Riverside)	5.00
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	60.06
Martinsburg, Pa.	87.05
ORIDA DISTRICT	
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	89.00
Pompano Beach, Fla.	131.10
DIANA DISTRICT	
Berne, Ind.	386.25
*Elkhart, Ind.	609.74
*Flora, Ind.	364.75
*Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	379.38
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace).	44.70
*Goshen, Ind.	414.94
Indianapolis, Ind.	74.30
*Leesburg, Ind.	312.75
Osceola, Ind.	495.04
Peru, Ind.	73.50
*South Bend, Ind.	390.30
Warsaw, Ind.	28.00
Wheaton, Ill.	30.00
Winona Lake, Ind.	526.30
Indiana District WMC	200.00
IOWA DISTRICT	
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	191.00
Des Moines, Iowa	32.40
*North English, Iowa	125.00
Winona, Minn.	2.00
MICHIGAN DISTRICT	
Alto, Mich.	128.00
Lake Odessa, Mich.	15.00
Lansing, Mich.	128.95
*New Troy, Mich.	191.16
MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT	
Alexandria, Va.	21.75
*Hagerstown, Md. (Gay Street)	249.75
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace).	110.75
*Martinsburg, W. Va.	437.00
*Washington, D. C. (Grace)	383.34
*Waynesboro, Pa.	308.21
*Winchester, Va.	281.92
MIDWEST	
*Albuquerque, New Mexico	120.00
Arvada, Colo.	16.14
Beaver City, Neb.	6.50
Denver, Colo.	1.00
Navajo Mission	25.00
Portis, Kansas	116.00
NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT	
*Harrisburg, Pa.	215.28
*Hatboro, Pa.	408.71
*Lancaster, Pa.	296.90
Manheim, Pa.	8.15
*New Holland, Pa.	258.88
*Palmyra, Pa.	329.05
Philadelphia, Pa. (First).	41.50
*York, Pa.	363.00
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	
Chico, Calif.	42.46
Sacramento, Calif.	6.50
San Jose, Calif.	1.25
NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT	
Ankenytown	129.55
Ashland (Grace)	300.00
Ashland (Southview)	300.17
Barberton	25.10
*Bowling Green	130.60
Canton	21.00
Cleveland.	240.00
Columbus	241.11
Cuyahoga Falls	7.00
Danville	10.00
Elyria	32.00
Findlay	46.21
Fremont	71.00

Galion	14.00
*Homerville	539.79
Lexington	94.00
*Mansfield (Grace)	388.75
Mansfield (Woodville)	66.00
Middlebranch	29.00
Minerva	54.00
Wooster	400.03
Northern Ohio District Fellowship	25.00
NORTHWEST DISTRICT	
Albany, Oregon	11.00
Beaverton, Oregon	15.00
Bothell, Washington	5.00
Grandview, Washington	53.00
Kent, Washington	11.00
Mabton, Washington	46.00
Portland, Oregon	5.00
Richland, Washington	11.00
Spokane, Washington	6.00
Sunnyside, Washington	66.57
Yakima, Washington	2.50
SOUTHERN CALIF.-ARIZ. DISTRICT	
*Anaheim, Calif.	328.08
*Beaumont, Calif.	273.91
*Bell, Calif.	100.00
*Bellflower, Calif.	139.82
Gardena, Calif.	4.00
Inglewood, Calif.	5.00
*Lakewood, Calif.	73.53
Long Beach, Calif. (Community)	21.29
*LaVerne, Calif.	166.96
North Long Beach, Calif.	28.00
*Norwalk, Calif.	196.06
Phoenix, Arizona	76.26
*Rialto, Calif.	145.49
San Diego, Calif.	8.00
Santa Barbara, Calif.	6.00
Simi, Calif.	1.00
*South Pasadena, Calif.	118.49
Temple City, Calif.	7.00
*Tucson, Arizona	112.50
Westminster, Calif.	2.50
Whittier, Calif.	15.00
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT	
Atlanta, Georgia	7.00
Buena Vista, Va.	87.25
*Covington, Va.	358.16
Hollins, Va.	59.75
Johnson City, Tenn.	60.00
*Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	100.00
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	30.00
*Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)	130.50
Telford, Tenn.	16.59
*Virginia Beach, Va.	153.23
SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT	
Brookville, Ohio	224.71
*Clayton, Ohio	313.51
Dayton, Ohio (Basore Road)	58.25
Dayton, Ohio (First)	831.40
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	361.63
Englewood, Ohio	303.03
Kettering, Ohio	59.00
*Vandalia, Ohio	212.3
West Alexandria, Ohio	140.0
TOTAL CHURCH RECEIPTS.	$ 22,245.4
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	
Individual Donors	11,685.9
Honorariums	300.0
Reese Products	65.0
National WMC	833.4
Hill Wood Chapel, Akron, Ohio	270.0
Sioux City Tabernacle, Sioux City, Iowa	109.4
Centerville Community Church, Bippus, Indiana	92.6
National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen	500.0
Sale of Books	33.0
Film Rental	10.0
Christian Business and Professional Women	32.0
Christian Business Men	10.0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	13,942.8
TOTAL RECEIPTS July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968	$ 36,188.7
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries	18,548.9
Travel and Office Expenses	6.524.2
Secretarial Help	172.8
Board Member Expenses	558.8
Honorarium—Leo Polman	25.0
Dunbar Insurance	17.3
Film Service	299.0
Travel Trailer	3,182.1
South American Trip	1,982.7
Christian Education Department	39.0
Westminster Press	76.1
Brethren Missionary Herald	1,191.1
Business Envelope Manufacturing Company	91.0
Parkerson Typewriter Sales	212.0
Indiana Engraving Company	8.5
Clawser Signs	22.0
Reese Products	65.0
News Printing	3.0
Dill (Cameras)	60.0
International Business Machine Corporation	490.0
Jack Hyle Book	3.0
Tommy Tucker Flower Shop	10.0
Bank Charge	4.0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.	$ 33,589.0
BALANCE ON HAND July 1, 1968	7,473.7

REPORT OF THE MINISTRIES OF THE EVANGELISTS

Number saved	386
Number of rededications	862
Other types of decisions	92
Number of crusade meetings conducted	53
Average attendance for crusade meetings	105
Average offering for crusade meetings	$230.0
Soul-Winning Conferences conducted	7

A motion prevailed to accept the following report by the Committee on Race Relations:

REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS

This committee first wishes to commend the itorial staff of the Brethren Missionary Herald their interest in the race relations situation l for their assistance to this committee. We ge the Brethren Missionary Herald Company continue to be the media of information to r Fellowship. As long as race tension is exis- nt in the United States, we suggest that the ethren Missionary Herald Company keep our nstituency abreast of developments in the field racial issues nationally and also to present such ormation that becomes available on current itudes and changing philosophy both inside d outside our communities.

Second, this committee wishes to state that the basis of the returns from a questionnaire stributed to the ministers of the National Fel- wship of Brethren Churches, it is overwhelm- gly indicated by said ministers that they wish be informed of the conditions involved in the e relations situation in our country and to tively work toward reaching the Negro com- unity with the message of God's grace!

These men also indicated on the aforemen- ned questionnaire that all of them are aware the social revolution in America, of which e Negro plays the major part. All desire a godly ans of finding a solution to this problem. The mmittee feels such attitudes indicate a healthy tlook.

We therefore urge our ministers and laymen commit themselves, (a) to oppose the negative itudes which are being expressed by some of e more prominent conservative groups; (b) to plore and resist the *insincere* fraternizing with e Negro as is practiced by the ecumenical pro- ss in their social attitude; (c) to accept the egro as an equal and treat him as a man with ual worth with all other men; (d) to respond omptly and fully to requests made by the com- ttee on Race Relations for information which ght be of use in arriving at a positive means to tack the problem in race relations; (e) for ayerful cooperation of all our churches and ople toward communities which face a race re- tion problem, such as Hacienda Heights and glewood, California, and Philadelphia, Pennsyl- nia, et. al.; (f) and finally, to reaffirm the state- ent of the Committee on Race Relations as opted by the conference of the National Fel- wship of Brethren Churches, August 14-22, '65, to wit:

(Realizing that Christ died for all men and s broken down the wall of partition dividing en thereby transcending all racial and cultural es and unites in one body all who are children God by faith in Jesus Christ,) (to) reaffirm at membership in the church of Jesus Christ is based on faith, not race, upon personal relationship to Christ, not color, and that all who are in Christ may participate fully in the worship and witness of the church at home and abroad without regard to race or ethnic origin.

Bruce Button
Lewis Hohenstein
Robert Griffith

A motion prevailed to accept the following report of the Endorsing Agent:

REPORT OF THE
ENDORSING AGENT

Participation in the denominational program on the part of Brethren military chaplains is growing. At the 1965 conference one of the significant papers presented was one on the chaplaincy by Chaplain Orville Lorenz. In 1966 Chaplain James Hutchens arrived back in the United States from Vietnam just in time to make a presentation to the conference. There were two chaplains present for the 1967 conference, Chaplain John Schumacher (U.S. Army), who had just returned from Vietnam, and Chaplain Carlton Fuller (U.S. Air Force), who had just arrived back in the States after a one-year tour of duty in Alaska.

In this 1968 conference four chaplains have spent at least some time on the grounds. Three of these have been present for most of the conference so far. Chaplain John Talley had been out of Vietnam less than two weeks when he arrived at the conference. These chaplains have attended sessions of conference and the ministerium, and have participated in various parts of the program of these two organizations. All of this makes for good fellowship, as well as for closer ties between our chaplains and the denomination. For the first time in several years a chaplain will be bringing one of the major messages of the conference program, as Chaplain John Talley speaks on Friday morning in the Bible hour.

It was my privilege as endorsing agent to make a trip to Vietnam in January, 1968. This was an official trip in that it was authorized by the 1967 conference. It was underwritten by private funds. Somewhere enroute to Vietnam, in Vietnam, or in Germany after leaving Vietnam, I had the privilege of fellowshiping with six of our active-duty chaplains, two Brethren men in the inactive reserves, one retired chaplain, and one staff specialist. Please accept my thanks for the privilege of making this trip. I feel that it was very worthwhile, not only for contact with Brethren men, but also with those of other denominations, as well as for a study of the chaplains' program in general. Chaplains all along the route expressed appreciation to the national conference, and indicated that they felt that it was a forward step. It gave opportunity for the endorsing agent to see our men on duty on their posts around the world. In Vietnam, Chaplain John Talley served as my official escort. He and I had the opportunity of spending one night with Chaplain Dale Brock at his Marine base near DaNang, and participated in the dedication of a chapel on the base. I was privileged to have a personal inter-

view with General William C. Westmoreland, and I received briefings from top officials of the three branches of the service. After I had offered prayer to God for wisdom and guidance for General Westmoreland, he expressed his appreciation and asked that I personally thank our Brethren churches, particularly the ministers. So it is my privilege to now thank each of you for your participation in prayer for all those connected with the war effort in Vietnam.

We still have eight men in the U.S. Army Chaplaincy, three in the Navy, and one in the U.S. Air Force. Chaplain Dale Brock continues his ministry in Vietnam for a few months, Chaplains Lindberg and Emlyn Jones are serving in Germany, and Chaplain Orville Lorenz is now on the island of Okinawa.

As a result of the trip around the world, and messages presented by chaplains in the present conference, profitable discussions have been held with ministers and lay people on how to work better with our service personnel and chaplains to make the time of our young men in military service more profitable and worthwhile.

The chaplains time and time again have expressed great appreciation for the prayers and loyal support for their ministry by the members of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We should continue to pray for them, particularly as they continue to win souls to Christ. They report that the number of decisions has been high. May we be challenged to ask God for a continuing and increasing number of decisions.

Six of the chaplains who were not able to attend the present conference have sent letters of greetings to the conference. I shall read excerpts from these to you.

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde K. Landrum

FROM CHAPLAIN (CPT)
JOHN W. SCHUMACHER, USA

It is a privilege to relay my greetings through you to the national conference. I sincerely regret that it is impossible for me to attend this year. I enjoyed so much the opportunity to share in the ministry of conference week last year.

Please relay to the conference my sincere appreciation for the privilege of representing the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches in the United States Army Chaplaincy, especially in these momentous and challenging times. We will be thinking of you and praying for your chaplain's program at conference, and wishing we could be there to share in it.

Yours in Christ,
John W. Schumacher

FROM CHAPLAIN (LTC)
ORVILLE A. LORENZ, USA

Please extend my greetings from Okinawa to all of the Brethren assembled at Winona for our National Fellowship. I believe all will understand when I say I regret that circumstances make it impossible for me to join you in this fellowship.

Both Mrs. Lorenz and I had made plans to be present with you this year at conference time, b such was made impossible by Army orders p cing me on assignment in Okinawa this past Ju

If any of you should come this way I'd most happy to meet you and give you a f hand view of our work.

May God richly bless your every session conference and continue His blessing upon y individual ministry. And, as St. Paul said, " nally, my brothers, do pray for us here. Pray t the Lord's message may go forward unhinde and may bring Him glory, as it has done w you."

Sincerely in Him,
Orville A. Lorenz

FROM CHAPLAIN (CPT)
EMLYN H. JONES, USA

I greet you in the name of our Blessed L and Saviour Jesus Christ! I thank my God up every remembrance of you.

I want to express to each of you my sinc appreciation for your daily thoughtfulness prayer and your fraternal interest in my minis to the military. Without your prayer suppor know that the work I do would be less meani ful to the men I daily deal with. Being a "m sionary to the military" has a great many ch lenges and without the prayerful intercession men of like mind the work would become creasingly difficult. Young men, away fr home for the first time, are, in a great measu unrestrained by their contemporaries. In ma instances their contemporaries help lead them to the "way that leadeth to destruction."

My prayers are for the ministerium and t lay delegates to national conference, that c dear and precious Lord will be honored and u lifted.

Sincerely in Christ,
Emlyn H. Jones

FROM CHAPLAIN (CPT)
PAUL O. LINDBERG, USA

Your continual support of the military cha lain is very greatly appreciated.

Your support through prayer, publicatio personal visit, and enthusiastic interest are a re motivation to me as a chaplain. The progre and victories of the churches at home as well the great missionary emphasis are a real joy to in the Lord. We rejoice with you in His blessin I'm sure that conference this year will be a gre challenge.

Sincerely yours,
Paul O. Lindberg

FROM CHAPLAIN
RICHARD I. McNEELY, LCDR, USN

It would be much more pleasurable to perso ally bring you greetings in Winona Lake, b since duty has me situated in the Western Pacif area, I must convey such to you via the servic of our mail system.

I would just voice my appreciation to tho who pray regularly for the work of our Brethre

aplains. I have been told even by those with om I am not personally acquainted that they nember me and my labor in the Navy as a ily part of their petitions in intercession. Cer- nly our work would be more difficult without e prayer support that "God may open unto us door for the word, to speak the mystery of rist."

Continue to pray for us out here. May our avenly Father receive praise and glory through e assembly there in Winona.

Cordially in His Grace,
Richard I. McNeely

OM CHAPLAIN
J. DALE BROCK, LCDR, USN

The war is confusing and discouraging, but e ministry is a thrill and a challenge!

I have had three different assignments while ave been in Vietnam. During this time I have t two other men who were graduates of Grace eological Seminary. Both of these men are in e U.S. Army and doing a tremendous work for e Lord. I met Chaplain Cecil Lewis at Dong Ha, ar the DMZ and Chaplain Richard Pfaff in the untains just north of Da Nang. What a thrill was to meet Chaplain Pfaff ten years and ten usand miles from our last meeting, on a dirty, sty road in war-torn Vietnam.

If I can claim any success in the ministry of e chaplaincy, and especially of my tour in Viet- m, it is because of the faithful prayers of the ristian people throughout the Brethren Church. ank you very much for praying for the minis- of the military chaplains.

Because of the nature of our assignments, ite often chaplains are unable to be at confer- e as other ministers can. However, we are no s interested. We consider ourselves the arm of e church as missionaries to the military.

Serving Christ in the service,
J. Dale Brock

A motion prevailed that the meeting be journed.

URTH SESSION, AUGUST 16

A motion prevailed to receive the report the Membership Committee adding 3 lay legates and 2 ministerial for a fourth-day tal of 676. These delegates were seated.

The minutes of the previous meeting re read and approved.

A motion was made and passed to adopt e following report of the Resolutions mmittee:

RESOLUTIONS OF THE
79th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

Preamble: We the duly authorized delegates of the 79th Annual Conference of the Brethren Church convening at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 12-18, 1968, do resolve, subscribe to, and purpose to encourage the following:

In view of the changing positions and thought in theology, and in view of the need to spell out our basic positions clearly for our own assistance and edification, and realizing the need to implement the theme of our conference in our lives, TO BE CONCERNED, we hereby set forth the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That we express our concern over the subtle denials in contemporary theology relative to the doctrine of the verbal plenary inspiration of scripture, and that we declare our time-honored position on the Scriptures that the Bible in its totality is without error in its original autographs.

RESOLVED: That we are concerned that each member of our Fellowship share the message of the Scriptures with men through personal witnessing and supporting all our missionary agencies, thus fulfilling our Lord's command in the great commission in Matthew 28:19, and in so doing stem the tide of godlessness throughout the world.

RESOLVED: In the light of unprecedented pressures upon our youth by the media of this present world system, we demonstrate our concern as a Fellowship in the nurture and care of the talented and promising youth God has entrusted us with and that we pledge them our love and encouragement.

RESOLVED: Our concern over the fragmentation of the lives of God's people where good things take precedent over the best. That we reaffirm the primacy of the local church as God's divinely appointed organism, urging local members everywhere to express loyalty to God's Word and work with faithful and actively deep involvement in the ministry of the local church.

RESOLVED: That we are concerned about the lack of sound doctrine in denominational circles today and that we reaffirm our recognition of the Message of the Brethren Ministry as the statement which sets forth our beliefs and practices.

RESOLVED: That we are concerned about the present-day apostacy and unbiblical forms of ecumenicity for a one-world church and that we declare our complete separation from the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

RESOLVED: That we register our concern for the prevalent lawlessness, violence, racism, crime, and breakdown in law enforcement and that we admonish our churches to be reminded according to Romans 13:1-7 that we are to pray for our civil leaders and be in subjection to the powers that be, and also be reminded that the church of Christ is a living body without racial or social distinction.

RESOLVED: That we be more concerned about the growing forces of godless communism and its ambition to govern the peoples of the world, and clearly expose its errors to our people.

RESOLVED: That we be deeply concerned about our lacking appreciation for our God-given heritage as Americans in voting and taking an active part in democratic privileges.

In view of the fact that this is an election year, we encourage all qualified in our churches to cast their vote for a national leader who will guide our nation in the way of righteousness and peace in these perilous times.

Gerald Teeter, chairman
Ward Miller
Sam Horney

A motion was made and carried to suspend the agenda of the day in order that consideration might be given to the following recommendation from the Executive Committee:

The 1969 Conference Executive Committee recommends that the conference underwrite the expenses for child care programs at annual conference.

A motion was made to adopt the recommendation of this committee.

A motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Committee on the Moderator's Address:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

The Committee on the Moderator's Address for this 79th Annual Conference of The Brethren Church wishes to commend our moderator for his heart-directed message to us in which he identified us as a "blessed people who are the recipients of manifold blessings even since we met in conference a year ago."

We further commend him for the careful manner in which he applied our conference theme, "We have a concern," to the record we have written as a fellowship this past year. We join him in gratitude to God for these increases. We join him in thankfulness to the Lord for the nineteen hundred who came into our churches by baptism. Let us work and pray that an even greater number may be reached this next year as we demonstrate our concern. May it please the Lord to grant us continued and increased growth.

Our moderator has called to our attention the wisdom of thinking of our denomination in regard to our international program. He has suggested it is time to consider our brethren of whatever race or language an integral part of our fellowship. With 70,000 plus in our foreign membership, as compared with 30,000 plus at home, this is a fitting admonition. Let us as individuals discipline ourselves to think of our church in this broader context and watch for means to develop closer working ties to the mutual benefit of the Lord's work everywhere.

Your committee finds great interest in the moderator's revelation of the fact that we have grown to the extent that our numbers now c
respond to the size of the membership bef
the division of 1939. He has called us to reme
ber the tragic results of division and in his wor
"determine by God's help to preserve our un
lest there be a duplication of past divisiveness."

With regard to our moderator's remarks
the subject of giving, we sincerely join with h
in gratitude to God for the encouragement
feel because of the increases in 1967. Let
recognize how inadequate they are, however, a
seek for greater increases throughout our en
fellowship this coming year.

Further cause for rejoicing is seen in
growth of our fellowship in most of our regu
service schedule. He has called to our attenti
one tragic lack of growth. This committee
alarmed at the drop in prayer meeting attendan
There is no area so sacred to Brethren as
prayer meeting. How many times have we s
that this is the most important part of our p
gram. Over and over we have alluded to
truth that all our progress must be made on
knees. Let us go home determined to char
this matter, for growth here is foundational to
growth. To neglect this, in the spiritual sense
denominational suicide. This cannot be ov
emphasized!

Several recommendations were brought to
Of these we now speak:

1. With regard to the seemingly impro
balance of our giving to interests outside our o
fellowship, we recommend increased factual p
sentation by *all* our interests and the faithful p
sentation of *our own* responsibilities by our lo
churches. Since the pastor is the key to t
problem of enlightening our people about
own works, let each pastor prayerfully underta
to acquaint and sell our folks on our progra
during this year, realizing that there is no supp
for Brethren causes except Brethren people.

2. It was called to our attention that t
many of our college-age youth attend oth
schools than our own Grace College. It wou
seem that increased efforts to steer our youth
Grace College must be undertaken by both t
school and the local church. Best success in c
recting this will come in full and harmonio
cooperation between the two.

3. We agree that the matter of the seni
citizen's home at Winona Lake, Indiana, is
utmost concern. We encourage all the effo
now being expended in this regard and call f
increased study and planning to bring this to
early conclusion. The efficiency of our co
mittee would be increased with the addition o
member from each district as our moderator h
suggested. We concur that this should be co
sidered by the conference.

4. Our moderator has suggested the use of
denominational insignia. We appreciate this su
gestion and recommend that a committee
appointed to present such to next year's conf
ence.

5. With regard to the insufficient number
ministerial candidates in our seminary for t
Brethren ministry, we propose an increased c

nsive in three ways:

a. Additional attention to this matter by our national boards, especially the Christian Education Department, and we commend them for the revival of the Brethren Student Life Volunteers.

b. Increased emphasis on the call of God to the ministry by our pastors to our youth. Let us be careful to present the ministry in its best light and not dwell on the problems and inadequacies.

c. Continued promotion by the seminary itself in reaching potential candidates for the ministry and meeting their needs better by constant improvement of our school to better train our men in a changing world.

In conclusion, we agree with our moderator at we do have a concern. Surely it is true that e need more concern. Yet we have been blessed nd we want to register before the throne of God ur thankfulness to Him for the way He has lessed our concerned efforts by His Spirit. Your ommittee would like to call to your attention a hrase spoken by one of the followers of Jesus hen he said, "Lord I believe; help thou mine unelief." We would say, "Lord, we have a concern; elp thou our unconcern!"

John W. Mayes, chairman
Charles M. Martin
Charles E. Lawson

A motion was made and carried to accept the following report of the Committee n Selective Service:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SELECTIVE SERVICE

Our committee met, and reviewed the work f the committee and the statement of our Hisorical and Biblical position as appearing in last ear's *Annual* on page 28.

We recommend that this statement be adopted y this conference and included in our minutes s an expression of the position of the National ellowship of Brethren Churches.

W. A. Ogden, chairman
Phillip J. Simmons
Kenneth Ashman

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SELECTIVE SERVICE

Due to the present world unrest morally, piritually, socially, and especially politically,

We, your Committee on Selective Service, dere to place the following recommendations beore this Conference:

1. That we renew our historic stand with reution to war: namely, that The Brethren Church rom her origin has been utterly opposed to the se of violence or any physical forces as a means o an end on the part of the children of God. Ve regard the governments of the world system s being yet unregenerate, and their methods of iolence contrary to the methods God has authoized His children in the present age to use. We affirm that while war as a possible method for the attainment of justice, or the securing and maintenance of human liberty, may at times be deemed necessary among the unregenerate of this world system, yet according to the teaching of our common Lord and Master, we, as His children, do not belong to this world's system and its methods are not our own. We are in the world, but not of it, as our Master taught (John 17:14), and we must maintain our pilgrim character (Heb. 11:8-16). We recognize and appreciate the protection of the flag of the United States as the nation God has ordained (Rom. 13:1-7) to afford us protection. We gladly offer our service, time, money, and life itself if necessary to bind up its wounds or heal its sorrows, by any means or methods our Lord Jesus Christ has approved for the use of those who follow Him.

2. That copies of the above recommendation be sent to the Secretary of Defense of the United States, and to the Selective Service Board.

3. That we recommend to all our pastors that they keep themselves and their constituencies fully informed as to this time-honored position of The Brethren Church.

The following recommendations were given by the Brethren Laymen of the NFBC:

1. "Whereas, through the diligent efforts of our Brethren pastors and teachers, the Lord has raised up a doctrinally sound and spiritually sensitive Fellowship of Brethren Laymen who are vitally involved in the NFBC, I move that the Committee on the Message of the Brethren Ministry include two additional non-ministerial members, and that discussion be encouraged by pastors and their laymen throughout the coming year on considered changes in the Brethren message."

A motion was made and passed to accept this recommendation.

2. "The National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen is prepared to submit two names if this is the pleasure of the conference. They are: Dr. Glenn Baker, a medical doctor from Indianapolis, Ind., and Dr. Lloyd Fish, a clinical psychologist, from Roanoke, Va.

This motion was accepted and these men declared elected to the committee.

A motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Committee on Home for the Aged:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMES FOR THE AGED

For several years it has been the function of this committee to assist districts or churches in establishing homes for the aged. The committee has endeavored to encourage any group whenever contacted by supplying available information, suggestions and in a few cases preliminary sketches and cost estimates.

Attempts have been made in two or three districts which have been unsuccessful and have been discontinued. One contact has been made during the last year indicating interest in another district at the present, but very little progress has been made as yet except preliminary study.

It was the committee's opinion and recommendation at last year's conference that the initial financial expenditure is great enough that this factor has made it very difficult for a district to undertake such a project. In view of this fact, last year this committee recommended that some national organization with more financial resources be encouraged to consider such a project.

Since that time the committee has observed an increased interest in such a home. Several individuals have said this is a growing need. Several of our members and leaders have entered other homes for the aged during the past year which has pin-pointed this need to many. Others who are reaching the age, where within a few years will be needing such facilities, have expressed a real interest in such a project almost to the point of saying how unfortunate it is that such a project has not already been undertaken. A few individuals have even indicated that they would be interested in serving as staff personnel.

Also, our moderator, Dr. Homer Kent, Sr., has pointed out this growing need in his moderator's address and recommended that more positive steps be taken to establish such a home. Our committee would whole-heartedly agree and recommend that definite steps be taken to establish such a home at Winona Lake, Ind.

This committee again recommends that definite steps be taken to encourage one of our existing national organizations to foster such a home or that a separate board of directors be established to implement the establishment of such a home. Inasmuch as this need has been recognized by and an interest has been expressed by the Brethren Home Missions Council and Brethren Investment Foundation in such a home that this conference consider encouraging these organizations to pursue definite steps toward establishing such a home and that this conference pledge its help in giving toward such a project to provide the necessary funds. This recommendation is not intended to recommend any particular plan of financial aid, but merely to request this conference to indicate their interest and willingness to support such a project if these organizations are encouraged to undertake it.

Again this committee offers its help in any way possible to assist any group interested in developing such a home.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Crees, chairma
Ralph C. Hall, secretary
John M. Aeby
Gene Witzky
Nelson Hall

A motion was made and carried to ad[opt] the report of the Publicity Committee.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

We had five basic fronts on which we ba[sed] our publicity for this year.

First, we planned to carry an extensive p[ub]licity program with the editors of the *Breth[ren] Missionary Herald.* And thanks to the consist[ent] work of the *Herald* editors, the following a[p]peared: (1) a center-spread ad in the June [19]1968 issue, using pictures from past conferenc[es], (2) an editorial in the July 13 issue, and (3) a fu[ll]-page ad by the laymen in the July 27 issue. [In] addition to this, there was an article about t[he] 1967 conference, on which the committee aid[ed] the editors of the BMH. And there have be[en] a number of reminders in the last two mont[hs] before conference. And, a full-page ad was r[un] in the *Pastor's Herald* encouraging pastors [to] attend and have a full delegation at conferenc[e].

Secondly, we went to the constituency itse[lf]. And on July 25, 1968, we sent out a non-telegra[m] telegram to as many of the members of the Bret[h]ren churches as our mailing lists would allo[w]. Thanks to the various boards and to the maili[ng] offices of the *Herald* for irreplaceable help in th[is] matter.

Our third front is the daily issuance of t[he] *Conference Herald.* We are grateful to the ushe[rs] who have faithfully passed these out to you ea[ch] evening. Thanks also goes to Judy Ashman wh[o] typed stencils and mimeographed this item—ar[d] to the Herald Co., which paid for this daily pap[er] that is so valuable in many ways to the confe[r]ence.

Our fourth front—and a most encouragin[g] one—has been the newspaper medium. Since a[r]riving last Friday, the committee has been ab[le] to get three articles published in the Warsa[w] *Times-Union* and we expect three more to appea[r] in this paper, publicizing conference. Thank[s] goes to *Times-Union* Managing Editor Don Cram[er], who has been a close worker in this regar[d] and who has also furnished pictures that wer[e] taken for his newspaper for use in still further re[-] leases, which the committee has been sending ou[t] from time to time this week for those who re[-]quest it.

We have also prepared a conference publicity news release for you as delegates to take hom[e] with you this week, which will be presented later.

Our fifth front concerns national publicity. And the committee plans to send news releases to leading religious periodicals, as well as the Evangelical Press Association and the Religious

ews Service.

Mr. Moderator, I am thankful for the opportunity of presenting this report and move that it e accepted.

Phil Landrum, chairman
Knute Larson
Robert Foltz

A motion prevailed to adjourn the meeting.

IFTH SESSION, AUGUST 17

The minutes of the previous meeting ere approved as read.

A motion was made to accept the following report of the Stewardship Committee:

REPORT OF THE
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Because so many do not give a tithe to the ord, and because so many Brethren people have ot been educated in the matter of giving, the tewardship Committee continues to recommend o all of our churches the ministry and the mission of the Financial Planning Service, under the irection of Rev. Leo Polman. Numerous pastors have reported increased per capita giving as he direct result of stewardship conferences with he Polmans.

Also, we would encourage the Brethren to se and follow the "Guides for Effective Giving" vhich are available through the Development Department of Grace College and Seminary, hrough Mr. Richard Messner.

We would also recommend the new tract on ithing by Dr. L. L. Grubb, entitled "A Heart o Heart Talk About Giving."

Respectfully submitted,
Melvin Hobson

The following report was given by Treasurer, Frank Poland, of the conference inances. A motion was made and carried o accept this report:

1968 TREASURER'S REPORT
July 20, 1967–July 20, 1968

Balance on hand July 20, 1967	$ 2,478.94

INCOME

OFFERINGS	
8/14/67–Monday evening	232.05
8/15/67–Tuesday evening	279.10
8/16/67–Wednesday evening	253.05
8/17/67–Thursday evening	249.71
8/18/67–Friday evening	286.66
8/19/67–Saturday evening	751.20
8/20/67–Sunday morning	236.63
8/20/67–Sunday evening	96.40
MRS. FRED WALTER	
8/19/67–Saturday morning	435.67
8/20/67–Sunday	69.25
8/30/67–Late offerings	22.00
CREDENTIAL FEES	
8/14/67–Credential fees	3,648.35
8/15/67–Credential fees	584.40
8/16/67–Credential fees	27.30
10/26/67–Credential fees (late)	15.75
OTHER INCOME	
U.S.A.F. Chaplains offering ('67)	100.00
C.E. Dept. auditorium rental	100.00
Endorsing Agent trip gift	1,500.00
U.S.A.F. Chaplains offering ('68)	100.00
1967-68 total income	$ 8,987.52
Balance on hand plus income	$ 11,466.46

EXPENSE

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE	
Charles Ashman, Jr. (ribbons & misc.)	35.00
Dean Fetterhoff (secretarial help)	9.00
Christian Ed. Dept. (mimeo)*	44.08
Westminster Press (forms)	16.40
Brethren Missionary Herald Co. (mailing)*	61.29
STATISTICAL REPORT	
Earle E. Cole (paper)	19.44
Earle E. Cole (honorarium)	50.00
Wooster First Brethren (printing)	161.30
Ken Herman (rubber stamp)	3.47
Ken Herman (mailing)	54.50
Westminster Press (letterheads)	18.31
Christian Ed. Dept. (letters)	.95
Westminster Press (forms)	7.23
Mrs. Charles Koontz (secretarial help)	151.50
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
Ada Botteicher (secretarial help)	50.00
Johnstown First Brethren (telephone)	8.36
Al Steffler (honorarium)	50.00
Edson Moyer (conference banner)	18.00
Johnstown First Brethren (telephone)	6.43
CONFERENCE SECRETARY	
Clyde K. Landrum (honorarium)	50.00
Clyde K. Landrum (postage)	20.00
Westminster Press (letterheads)*	100.60
Westminster Press (letterheads)	40.27
ENDORSING AGENT AND CHAPLAINS	
Christian Ed. Dept. (chaplain's letters)	1.30
Universal Travel Service (Vietnam trip)	1,246.80
Missionary Herald Co. (Vietnam trip expense	253.20
CONFERENCE SPEAKERS AND MUSIC	
Lehman Strauss (honorarium)	200.00
Don Ogden (honorarium)	50.00
Thomas Julien (honorarium)	10.00
James Custer (honorarium)	10.00
Lewis Hohenstein (honorarium)	10.00

John Whitcomb (honorarium)	10.00
Mrs. Janet Minnix (honorarium)	12.50
Miss Ruth Clingenpeel (honorarium)	12.50
Mr. and Mrs. Terry White (honorarium)	25.00
Robert Collitt (honorarium)	10.00
Mark Malles (honorarium)	10.00
Christian Ed. Dept. (mailing)	28.00
Winona Lake Christian Assembly (room deposit)	12.00
*CHILD CARE SERVICE***	
C. H. Ashman, Jr. (honorarium)	25.00
Y.M.C.A. (fees)	15.00
C. H. Ashman, Jr. (boat rides)	25.00
Warsaw Brethren Church (bus)	25.00
Kittanning Brethren Church (bus)	25.00
Warren Zellner (bus driver)	10.00
Marshall Miller (bus driver)	10.00
MISCELLANEOUS	
Phil Landrum (honorarium)	25.00
Christian Ed. Dept. (special offering)	751.20
W. H. Schaffer, Treas. (Walter's fund)	504.92
Grace Theological Seminary (scholarship)	100.00
Mrs. Ken Herman (Conference Herald)	27.00
W. H. Schaffer, Treas. (Walter's fund)	22.00
The Brethren Home Missions Council (postage)	1.00
Winona Lake Brethren Church (Conference Herald)	17.25
Mrs. Mert Lambert (Conference Herald)	5.63
Winona Lake Christian Assembly (auditorium rent)*	1,147.59
Ginter Electric Company (display wiring)	54.25
Brethren Missionary Herald Co. (conference publicity)	110.78
Christian Ed. Dept. (con. misc.)	59.89
Brethren Missionary Herald (packets and publicity)	79.46
Westminster Press	30.56
Brethren Missionary Herald (printing *Annual*)	2,180.61
Brethren Missionary Herald (film developing)	2.99
Grace Theological Seminary (scholarship)	100.00
Winona Lake Post Office (postage pub.)	55.50
	$ 5,275.63
Brethren Investment Foundation Deposit	3,500.00
Total income and balance on hand	11,466.46
Brethren Investment Foundation Deposit	3,500.00
Transferred from BIF 1/23/68 to First National Bank	800.00
Funds accountable (First National Bank)	$ 12,266.
Expenditures and BIF Deposit	11,788.
Balance on Hand - First National Bank	$ 478.
BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION	
Deposit in BIF	$ 3,500.
Transferred from BIF to First National Bank	800.
Accrued interest 8/21/67–7/20/68	152.
BIF passbook balance 7/20/68	2,852.
Total funds on hand July 20, 1968	$ 3,330.5

*—More than one item on the invoice and therefore this is not an accurate accounting for the subject category.

**—The child care program cost a total of $ 564.2

Fees received and paid out in cash	429.2
Balance paid from conference treasury	$ 135.0

Respectfully submitted,
Frank J. Poland, treasurer

The following report of the Auditing Committee was given by Kenneth Rucker. A motion prevailed to adopt this report.

REPORT OF THE
AUDITING COMMITTEE

The books and financial records of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, the Christian Education Department, and the Board of Evangelism have been audited. Also, by request, we have audited the books and records of the Brethren Women's Missionary Council and the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha. The committee has made some corrections and have called to their attention any changes necessary. It is the opinion, with a few corrections mentioned, that the books and financial records of these organizations are correct and in the opinion of the committee they reflect the true financial condition of the organizations involved. The records examined were found to be kept in a neat and orderly manner. We appreciate the fine cooperation of all persons involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth L. Rucker, chairman
Kenneth G. Moeller

The Auditing Committee recommended that the Christian Education Department and the Board of Evangelism have their books audited by a public accountant at their own expense and that it be made available to the auditing committee for review.

y the first day of conference each year. he recommendation passed.

RECOMMENDATION

Since the financial books of the Christian ducation Department, Board of Evangelism, isterhood of Mary and Martha, and the Women's lissionary Council are becoming massive and inolved and since the auditing committee is comosed of men from various parts of the country ho are already heavily burdened with responsilities, we recommend that:

The Christian Education Department and the oard of Evangelism be instructed to have their ooks audited annually at their expense by a ublic accountant and said audit be submitted o the auditing committee for review by the first ay of conference each year.

A report was given by the Committee n Publishing Bible Hour Addresses. This eport was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING BIBLE HOUR ADDRESSES

We, the committee appointed to consider the racticability of publishing in book form the ible hour addresses of the 1967 conference for istribution and sale to the churches, though we ppreciate the motivation and desire that proced this action, because of the practical probms that would be involved in such publication nd distribution, recommend that this *not* be one, but rather that the conference encourage ne purchase of the tape recordings of the mesges which are available.

Mark Malles, chairman
Clyde Landrum
Paul Fink

The Conference Executive Committee commends that the delegate fee be ineased to 25¢ per person. A motion preailed to accept this recommendation.

The Conference Executive Committee commends that all evening offerings be sed for special projects instead of conrence expenses. A motion was made and assed to accept this recommendation.

The Conference Executive Committee commends that the Thursday evening fferings continue to be used for the Bauan Memorial Lectures. A motion preailed to accept this recommendation.

Norman Uphouse gave the following reort of the Committee on Pastorless hurches and Available Men, which was lopted:

COMMITTEE ON PASTORLESS CHURCHES AND AVAILABLE MEN

Churches seeking pastors who requested information about available men—fourteen. Four of these were helpful to reply when negotiations were completed and a pastor secured.

Pastors requesting information about churches with pulpit vacancies—nine. Two of these returned information they accepted calls. Surely others made permanent contacts not revealed to the committee. The ratio is about that of the ten lepers. One out of the ten returned to give thanks.

The retiring chairman of the committee would like to suggest that the moderators of the districts who comprise the committee get the information to the central office as soon as possible. In the new year it will be that of Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum. A revised list will need to be made soon after conference.

More churches should write when a pastor has been secured; otherwise the church name will continue to go out as having a vacancy. Likewise, pastors need to let the committee chairman know as soon as they agree upon a move.

One more suggestion. I believe more use could be made of this committee at conference time. Church representatives looking for a pastor, might see this committee and have a personal meeting with the man God may have in mind for their pulpit.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman H. Uphouse, chairman

Alva Conner presented the following Statistical Review Report which was adopted as given:

REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

We preface our report by giving gratitude to God for blessed memories of the faithful life and service to our Lord of the selected chairman of our committee, Brother Earle Cole, who this past year was ushered into the immediate presence of Christ. We thank the Lord for our departed brother's faithful service in the realm of statistics in our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

As we review the statistics of the year that has passed, we are very cognizant of the fact that we are speaking of *people . . . people* in the Brethren Church . . . *people* and their eternal destinies and service to Jesus Christ, *people* and their faithfulness in attending the fellowship we hold dear; and *people* in their dedication of their finances to our Lord.

As we scan the statistical report for 1967, we are grateful to our Lord for the growing number of churches in our fellowship . . . a total of 220 in 1967. Six new ones have been added to our fellowship at this conference, making a total of 226. A new milestone was reached in membership also, and we praise God for the fact that we have gone over the 30,000 mark with a total

of 30,650 persons in our fellowship. Sunday school enrollment and attendance also reached new highs; the increases in these areas were more than double the increases for 1966; and the increase in church membership was almost double the amount for 1966.

We note that total additions to the NFBC totaled 2,855 last year, and we believe this figure is significant. Losses totaled 1,854 during the year, but the net membership gain of 1,087 is almost three times the 1966 gain of 356. Our statistician reported that the number of trine immersed members should actually be 29,811, after checking with a number of churches who did not report on this particular item.

An increase of $50,000 in offerings for others was noted in the past year, and of course the report reflects only the funds channeled through the local church. We believe that we are a "building church," as the report reflects an increase of $1,700,000 in two years in expenditures for new buildings and improvements. Pastors' salaries, however, during the same two-year period reflect little increase, and we urge our constituency to examine their pastor's salary arrangement, particularly in this period of time when the cost of living is rising so rapidly. The amount expended for youth camps increased considerably last year, indicating a good interest in this area. Total church expenditures increased from $5,456,550 in 1965 to $7,565,482, an increase of over $2,000,000, and we believe this is reason to praise God. Total valuation of properties rose from $15,000,000 to over $20,000,000, a very wonderful increase; and our assets now amount to more than $26,000,000.

We rejoice in the increase in attendance at the morning and evening worship services, but are concerned in the drop in prayer meeting attendance. We encourage our pastors to promote this all-important service, and urge our people to attend this "hour of power." The 1967 report also reflects decreased activity on the part of many of our auxiliary organizations, although VBS attendance was up slightly over 1966.

Our per capita giving reflects significant increases in the past four years, and our people are to be commended for their faithful stewardship.

A number of suggestions were made by pastors and church secretaries concerning changes which could be considered in the statistical form, and we are recommending a couple of changes this year, and asking next year's statistical review committee to consider additional changes as needed.

We note that in Item II, "Local Expenditures," item 4-a-3; "Estimated parsonage rental"; an actual expenditure of money is not involved. We recommend that next year's statistical review committee study a change in this area.

Again in Item II, "Local Expenditures," we recommend that "Board of Ministerial Relief" be added in area 4, and made item 6, inasmuch as many churches have expenditures to this board.

In Item VII, membership, we recomme that the line "Present total immersed memb ship" be changed to read: "Present total *tr* immersed membership."

In Item VII, Auxiliary Organizations, t Christian Education Department is recommei ing that the line "Total training time" be chang to read "Brethren training hour."

In concluding: May we in the months bef us *Have A Concern* for *Every member Evangeli* that will multiply our conversion, baptism a membership increases; that will bring thrilli new peaks in attendance records; and that p pels renewed spiritual vigor in every area stewardship and missionary endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,
Alva Conner, appointed chairman
Russell Ogden
Wayne Guthrie
Kenneth E. Herman

The members of the Insignia Committ were announced as follows:

Horace Mohler
Alva Steffler
Clyde K. Landrum

It was announced that Kenneth Herma has resigned as chairman of the Finan Committee. The revised committee w be:

Frank Poland, chairman
Leslie Moore
Wayne Smith
Herbert Edwards

A motion was made that the Committe on Committees appoint a Hospitality Con mittee and that the names of this be pr sented to the secretary and be publishe in the *Herald.* The motion passed. Th following names were submitted:

Dr. and Mrs. E. William Male, chairmen
Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Byers
Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Snyder

The following motion was made an passed:

"Whereas annually our conference e periences a most difficult and disorganize task of securing the names of the Execu tive Committee representatives from th various districts; I move that the Con mittee on Committees-elect be instructe to correspond with all districts and b ready to report the nominees to this con mittee at the first business session of cor

rence each year."

The following report was made and assed:

"Whereas in the providence of God we re being privileged to admit a growing umber of new churches into the NFBC; nd whereas a delegated body such as our ellowship should have reasonable assurnce that said new churches have been esblished and are operating in harmony ith our constitution and by-laws;

I therefore move that the Membership ommittee be instructed to prepare an aplication form to be completed by any hurch seeking membership in our fellowip; said application form to supply vital nformation deemed necessary to guarantee ne purpose stated in the prologue of this notion; said application to be submitted o, and be approved by the Membership Committee before presentation of said church to the NFBC for membership."

A motion prevailed to accept this recommendation.

A motion was made that the NFBC Manual of Procedure be published in handy booklet form and made available free in sufficient quantity for all delegates to receive a copy at the 1969 conference and that additional copies be made available for new delegates each year by the secretary of the conference.

The motion was carried.

The minutes of the final business meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The National Conference officers for 1969 were installed by Moderator Homer A. Kent, Sr.

The business session was adjourned sine die.

National Organizations

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P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

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Aellig, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, B. P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.
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Cochran, Miss Rosella, B.P. 13, Bozoum v Bangui, Central African Republic.
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Cripe, Miss Mary, Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.
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Goodman, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin L., B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic.
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ennedy, Rev. and Mrs. Lester W., B.P. 21, M'Baiki via Bangui, Central African Republic.

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ent, Miss Ruth, B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.

liever, Rev. and Mrs. J. P., B.P. 13, Baibokoum, Chad, Africa.

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nyder, Miss Ruth, B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.

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Waridel, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre-Andre, Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.

Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Robert S., Batangafo via Bangui, Central African Republic.

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Haag, Rev. and Mrs. Walter E., 425 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, Calif. 92073.

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Bickel, Miss Florence, 105 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1967

Assets:
General Fund–

Cash on hand and in banks	$ 54,643.3
Savings accounts	15,000.0
Accounts receivable	14,491.3
Deposits and advances	19,481.1
Notes receivable	70,843.7
Prepaid insurance	163.9
Accrued interest receivable	739.2
Inventories - books and supplies	3,269.2
Real estate (missionary residences in USA)	64,726.4
Office equipment, less depreciation.	14,360.3
Audio-visual equipment, less depreciation	1,425.0
Total general fund assets	$259,144.0

Restricted Gifts Fund–

Cash on hand and in banks	$ 30,859.5
Investments	10,000.0
Accrued interest receivable	208.3
Total restricted gifts fund assets.	$ 41,067.8

Annuity Fund–

Cash on hand and in banks	$ 14,009.2
Saving accounts	120,000.0

otes receivable	61,116.48
arketable securities (at cost)	14,947.80
ccrued interest receivable	355.84
eal estate, net	5,000.00
Total annuity fund assets	$215,429.37
Total assets	$515,641.23
iabilities and Net Worth:	
eneral Fund–	
otes payable	$108,323.16
ccrued interest payable	1,227.48
MM funds for investment and retirement funds	5,138.50
issionary outfit funds	7,408.80
et worth	137,046.07
Total general fund liabilities and net worth	$259,144.01
estricted Gifts Fund	$ 41,067.85
nnuity Fund–	
ccrued interest payable	$ 1,630.11
nnuities in force	165,209.52
et worth	48,589.74
Total annuity fund	$215,429.37
Total liabilities and net worth	$515,641.23

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
For the calendar year ending December 31, 1967

Income–	
Gifts	$527,949.99
Interest and misc.	4,563.09
Annuity fund net income	503.39
Total income	$533,016.47
Expenses–	
Administrational	$ 56,876.48
Promotional	38,667.81
Missionary and field expenses	406,641.95
Other	8,506.99
Total expenses	$510,693.23
Income over expenses	$ 22,323.24

Books audited by Ramsey, King & McBride, Public Accountants. (If a detailed report is desired, please contact the FMS office for a copy of such.)

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INCORPORATED

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THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INCORPORATED
WINONA LAKE, IND.

April 1, 1967 - March 31, 1968

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets	
Current	
Cash, checking account	$ 46,669.82
Petty cash	25.00
Accounts receivable	130.62
Savings–collateral account	10,987.36
Total	$ 57,812.80
Other assets	
Notes receivable	14,348.75
Annuity funds invested	142,914.29
Total	157,263.04
Fixed assets	
Mission property–land and equipment	193,656.57
Annuity property	30,000.00
Mobile equipment	17,909.68
Leasehold improvements	775.9
Office furniture and equipment	2,928.7
Photographic equipment	905.9
Total	246,176.9
Deferred charges	
Contingent notes payable	47,295.4
Deposits held for others and advances	1,507.6
Total	48,803.1
Total assets	$510,055.8
LIABILITIES	
Current	
Notes payable	78,889.6
Accrued federal withholding tax	199.1
Accrued Indiana withholding tax	93.9
Accrued Social Security tax	167.5
Hospitalization insurance	186.9
Total	79,537.1
Contingent	
Notes payable	47,295.4
Revolving building fund	13,585.0
Total	60,880.4
ACCOUNTABILITIES	
Annuities	$172,914.2
NET WORTH	
Surplus account	196,724.0
Total liabilities, accountabilities, and net worth	$510,055.8
INCOME	
Contributions	$303,838.8
Interest	8,100.3
Real Estate	3,234.8
Bequests	5,531.2
Architectural Department	2,053.7
Annuities Realized	1,046.3
Sale of South Gate Property	4,818.2
BIF Income	1,235.9
Total Income	$329,859.5
DISBURSEMENTS	
Direct Assistance to Mission Points	
Pastors' salaries, building appropriations, and Minute-man	215,381.2
Pastors' Insurance	3,551.1
Pastors' moving	2,994.7
Depreciation	5,525.0
Interest	11,935.9
Field work and administration	10,572.3
Workshops	3,150.0
Miscellaneous and meeting subsidy	836.5
Total	$253,947.1
Indirect Assistance to Mission Points Office and Administration	
Office salaries	33,450.1
Office supplies	2,452.1
Telephone and telegraph	1,469.4
Rent	2,740.0
Postage	2,709.9
Furniture and equipment repairs	185.8
Social Security tax	1,775.2

irectors' expense	2,174.06
egal and audit	335.00
surance and bond	980.84
Total	48,272.67
Promotion	
agazines and literature	5,584.32
istors' itineration	1,887.49
hanksgiving offering material	5,785.39
eld work promotion	2,085.80
eld work signs and advertising	816.76
Total	16,159.76
ethren Financial Planning Service.	2,000.00
operty expense	5,748.25
Total disbursements	326,127.81
xcess of income over expenses	3,731.71
	$329,859.52
und Balances–Cash	
eneral fund	$ 26,272.62
wish fund	9,402.70
evolving building fund	13,253.67
elay fund	-1,507.67
avajo fund	-751.50
Total	$ 46,669.82

ooks Audited by Allan M. Ramsey, Ramsey, ing, & McBride, Public Accountants, as of arch 31, 1968

OME MISSION DIRECTORY

kron, Ohio–Fairlawn Brethren Church.

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herry Hill, N. J. (meeting in Stratford Fire Hall)–Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Daniel Eshleman.

hico, Calif.–Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. William Shelby.

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Dryhill, Ky.–Brethren Chapel. Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lowery.

Elizabethtown, Pa.–Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Warren Tamkin.

Fremont, Ohio–Brethren Chapel.

Galion, Ohio–Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Everett Niswonger.

Gardena, Calif.–Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Bill Stevens.

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Greensburg, Pa.–Grace Brethren Church.

Hacienda Heights, Calif.–Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Frank Dunigan.

Indianapolis, Ind.–Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Jerry Young.

Jackson, Mich.–Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Gilbert Hawkins.

Kenai, Alaska–Starting August, 1969.

Kent, Wash.–Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Phillip J. Simmons.

Lansing, Mich.–Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Randall Poyner.

Las Vegas, Nev.–Bible Class.

Lexington, Ohio–Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Terrance Taylor.

Los Angeles, Calif.–90048, 469 N. Kings Road., Mailing Address: P.O. Box 48743, Brethren Messianic Testimony. Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Button, Miss Isobel Fraser, 8547 Airdrome, Los Angeles, Calif. 90035, Rev. and Mrs. John Neely, 1024 N. Stanley Avenue, Apt. 3, Los Angeles, Calif. 90046.

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Orange, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church of Orange. Pastor, Dr. Luther L. Grubb.
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Dean Risser.
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Sacramento, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Charles M. Martin.
St. Petersburg, Fla.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Dr. Herman Koontz
Santa Barbara, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Dale Hostetler.
Santa Maria, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Alva Conner.
Spokane, Wash.—Opportunity Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Donald Farner, Jr.
Taos, N. Mex.—87571, Box 1531, Spanish-American Mission, —Canon Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Robert Salazar.
Toppenish, Wash.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Sam Horney.
Tucson, Ariz.—Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church.
West Covina, Calif.—West Covina Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Arthur Malles.
Winona, Minn.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Donald Farner.
Woodbridge, Va.—Bible Class.

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BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION
INCORPORATED
Winona Lake, Indiana
June 30, 1968

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets		
Cash in bank—checking account		$ 50,264.35
Savings accounts		375,457.01
Government securities		358,308.80
Notes receivable		6,054,976.57
Office equipment	$ 7,517.52	
Land	26,000.00	
Building	10,000.00	
Less reserve for depreciation	(4,660.03)	38,857.49
Leasehold improvements and bond premiums	2,589.14	
Less amortization allowance	(401.64)	2,187.50
Total assets		$6,880,051.72
Liabilities		
Loans payable		$6,427,306.00
Savings accounts		182,580.18
Annuities		143,914.29
Trust fund		21,000.00
Payroll taxes, taxes withheld from payrolls and relay account		667.28
Total liabilities		$6,775,467.75
Net Worth		
Surplus		104,583.97
Total liabilities and net worth		$6,880,051.72

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

Income	
Interest	$349,884.63
Gifts and other service charges	3,991.07
	$353,875.70
Expenses	
Directors' expense	3,167.77
Office expense	1,030.28
Interest	311,566.04

Salaries	20,156.56
Legal and audit	395.00
Depreciation	605.05
Social Security tax	1,049.97
Repairs to equipment and misc.	568.58
Rent, insurance, telephone, and misc.	2,577.25
Postage, promotion and advertising	1,902.86
Income tax	1,066.73
Moving, traveling expenses, and Financial Planning Service	1,400.10
Bad debts	3,357.72
Contributions	750.00
Service charges and bond premiums	1,310.82
Van Fossen property expense	128.30
Total expenses	351,033.03
Excess of income over expenses	$ 2,842.67

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Condensed Financial Report
June 30, 1968

Income and Expense Statement
(General and Restricted Funds)

Income:		
Tuition and fees:	College	$ 512,067
	Seminary	80,174
	Graduate	5,142
Gifts: General		121,120
Endowment		956
Auxiliary enterprises		357,521
Restricted gifts and income		153,471
Other income		29,191
Total Current Income		$ 1,259,642
Expenses:		
General administration		67,150
Student services		60,535
General institutional		36,337
Development		84,608
Instructional		266,545
Organized research		2,664
Organized activities		15,515
Library		29,732
Physical plant		78,252
Auxiliary enterprises		352,736
Student aid		207,578
Repayment on educational mortgage (principal)		39,665
Total current expense		$ 1,241,301
General income surplus (deficit)		19,812
Restricted income surplus (deficit)		(1,470

Combined Balance Sheet (All Funds)

Assets:	
Cash on hand and in banks	$ 25,48
Deposits in savings and loan and treasury bills	72,82
Loan funds receivable	343,88
Other receivables	10,93
School property and equipment	2,745,96
Investments	323,78
Inventory and other	1,82
Total assets	$ 3,524,70
Liabilities:	
Accounts and contracts payable	13,357
Notes payable	26,741
Mortgages payable	1,001,97
Annuities invested in plant	49,744
Deposits and obligations	60,868
Loans, annuity, and trust funds	684,262
Net invested in plant	1,648,127
Surplus account (current fund)	39,628
Total liabilities	$ 3,524,706

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January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1967

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash in register	$ 100.00	
Petty Cash	250.00	
Cash on hand	800.00	
Cash in bank	3,405.27	
Notes receivable	20,106.40	24,661.67
Accounts receivable		42,050.69
Inventory merchandise		63,353.73
Inventory supplies		3,555.15
Total current assets		133,621.24

Non-current Assets

Land	4,000.00	
Buildings	188,789.88	
Furniture, fixtures, and office equipment	48,066.91	
Shop equipment	11,271.96	
Truck	2,450.00	
	254,578.75	
Allowed for depreciation.	74,290.17	
Total non-current assets		180,288.58
Total Assets		$ 313,909.82

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	$ 000.00	
Total current liabilities		000.00

Non-current Liabilities

Annuities	10,000.00	
Total non-current liabilities		10,000.00
Net worth		303,909.82
Total liabilities and net worth		313,909.82

CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

Income

Merchandise sales	$254,201.59	
Subscriptions	32,978.33	
Cooperating boards	17,531.72	
Interest	1,215.36	
Estate	3,760.36	
Total income		$309,687.36

Cost

Purchases	$161,825.26	
Outside work	30,133.42	
Salaries	57,595.20	
Consideration to Christian Education Department	1,500.00	
Operating expenses	58,458.43	
Total cost		$309,512.31
Business net gain		175.05
Publication offering	22,064.69	
Expenses	2,629.44	
Offering net gain		19,435.25
Net gain		19,610.30
Free literature and gifts		7,059.24
Total net gain		$ 12,551.06

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FINANCIAL REPORT 1967-1968

Balance on Hand—July 31, 1967 . . . $9,322.67

Receipts

General and Publications.	$ 5,360.24
Home missions	4,092.61
Christian education	3,879.41
Foreign missions	4,207.83
Thank offering.	5,859.95
Missionary birthday.	5,202.12
Missionary residences . . .	1,304.35
Home missions specials. . .	419.84
Foreign missions specials .	5,539.93
Grace Schools specials . . .	1,021.11
Brethren Board of Evangelism.	220.00
W.M.C. program chairman account	531.50
Total receipts	37,638.89

Disbursements

General expense.	$ 5,282.91
Home missions	4,092.61
Christian education. . . .	3,879.41
Foreign missions	4,207.83
Thank offering	5,859.95
Missionary birthday. . . .	5,000.00
Missionary residence . . .	548.54
Home missions specials. .	419.84
Foreign missions specials.	5,539.93
Grace Schools specials . .	1,021.11
Brethren Board of Evangelism.	220.00
W.M.C. program chairman account.	419.68
Total disbursements .	$36,491.81

Balance on Hand—July 31, 1968 . . . $10,469.75

WMC OBJECTIVES
FOR LOCAL COUNCILS 1968-1969

1. REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY

First choice: The entire Bible in 1968-1969. Three chapters a day and five chapters on Sunday, send to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana, for Bible Reading Charts.

Second choice: The Brethren booklet "Daily Devotions," using both the Scripture passages and the meditation.

Third choice: Regular Bible reading of own choosing.

2. FAMILY DEVOTIONS

The establishment of daily family devotions in every home. The local prayer chairman should be responsible for the family worship emphasis in local councils regularly.

3. PRAYER EMPHASIS

a. That each council observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month, using the *Brethren Missionary Herald* plus the requests sent to the pastors from Home Missions, Foreign Missions and the Christian Education Department.

b. That each council encourage each woman to be a prayer warrior for a daily time of prayer. (Use Home and Foreign Missions prayer booklets.)

c. Pray for the youth in your district who have made decisions for full-time service.

4. SOUL-WINNING

a. Our goal—every WMC member a witness and a soul winner with the prayer chairman keeping a record of all souls saved, via children's Bible classes, VBS, Sunday school, SMM, and so on.

b. Cooperate with or sponsor a monthly visitation and tract distribution program, with the local tract chairman keeping a monthly record of tracts used.

5. MONTHLY MEETINGS

A minimum of 12 devotional meetings, using the Brethren WMC programs.

6. DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES

As a means of promoting individual growth and enthusiasm for the WMC work, each council take part in the district projects and be represented at the rallies.

7. MAJOR OFFERINGS

Please send all money to the national financial secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Robert Ashman, 602 Chestnut St., Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the program packet.

a. September, October, November—Home Missions. For building a new parsonage in Taos, New Mexico. Send before Dec. 10.

b. December, January, February—Grace Schools and Christian Education Department. Grace Schools: To prepare present library space for classrooms or office use. Christian Education Department: For training in Missionary Endeavor. Send before March 10.

c. March, April, May—Foreign Missions. To purchase kitchen equipment for African field council and the remaining money to be used for building houses for students at the Bible Institute. Send before June 10.

d. June, July, August—General and Publication Fund. Send before Sept. 10.

e. Thank Offering for Brethren Jewish Missions. Send anytime before June 10. We urge the use of the synagogue banks for the penny-a-day per member offering. (Secure banks, free of charge, from the Brethren Home Missions Council, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.)

f. Birthday Offering to be received during the year for the support of WMC missionaries. (We suggest a minimum goal of a dollar a year per member.) Send before June 10. Birthday Missionaries for 1968-69:

Mrs. Harold Dunning—Africa
Mrs. Don Hocking—Africa
Mrs. Phillip Guerena—Mexico
Mrs. Ralph Schwartz—Brazil
Mrs. Lester Kennedy—Africa

WMC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS 1968-1969

1. That a consecration service be held annually (preferably early fall) in each local council to reconsecrate membership and to recognize new members.

2. That the secretary of each local council keep the membership cards and be responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council.

3. That officers in the local council be elected and begin planning in June, be installed in July, and take office at the close of the August meeting. The national and district statistical reports, compiled by the retiring president, must be in the hands of the district president by July 1, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1968 through June, 1969.

4. That each council promote the evangelization of youth, encouraging each woman to assist willingly in Sunday school, VBS, children's Bible classes, Active Christian Teens (Brethren Youth Fellowship), and other church-sponsored youth activities.

5. That the women in each council be urged to show *increased* interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help, and a willingness to serve as a patroness, assistant, or in any other capacity.

6. That the women of each council read and use the Pen Pointers. We suggest an annual quiz in each council. (More Pen Pointers may be obtained from the Brethren National WMC literature secretary, Mrs. Charles Koontz, R. R. 3, Warsaw, Indiana 46580.)

7. That each WMC member give regularly as the Lord leads and prospers her.

8. That we send good, usable clothing to the following missions (each council be responsible for entire expense).

Navajo Indian Mission–Children's cotton clothing ONLY (up to 15 yrs.). Parcel Post–Mr. Larry Wedertz, Brethren Navajo Mission, Counselor, New Mexico 87018.

Taos, New Mexico–Adult and children's clothing. Parcel Post–Rev. Robert Salazar, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico via Santa Fe, New Mexico 87571.

Dryhill, Kentucky–Parcel Post–Mr. Marvin Lowery, Clayhole Brethren Church, Clayhole, Kentucky 41317. Express–Rev. Sewell Landrum, Clayhole Brethren Church, Jackson, Kentucky 41339.

9. That each local president or representative attend each district meeting and national WMC conference, her council aiding in expenses, if at all possible, for the latter.

10. That all local and district councils use *Brethren* talent when available and support *Brethren* works.

11. That each council purchase and encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590:

Does Anyone Here Know God by Gladys Hunt
Missionary Wife and Her Work
by Joy Turner Tuggy
The Bamboo Cross by Homer Dowdy

WMC DISTRICT OBJECTIVES 1968-1969

1. Each district is encouraged to recognize those reading the entire Bible within a year.

2. The district president will promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.

3. Each district will sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the national first vice-president, Mrs. Richard Placeway, 540 Randall Rd., Elyria, Ohio 44038, to avoid duplication. Each district has the privilege of keeping it within the district.

4. All district offerings for national Brethren works shall be sent to the WMC financial secretary-treasurer.

5. Each district shall contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the Brethren foreign missionary residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the National WMC financial secretary-treasurer by June 30 and used as the committee in charge sees the need.

6. Each district president will receive the local annual statistical reports and will compile the district statistical report to be sent to the national secretary by July 20.

7. Each district president will stress the importance of using the Brethren WMC program packets and achieving our goals and recommendations in the local council to foster unity among us.

8. Every district to be represented on the national board at national conference by the president or alternate. It is suggested that expenses, wholly or in part, be paid by the district.

9. A four-minute written achievement report to be given by the district president at the national board meeting. Retiring president to be responsible for it.

10. SMM will be recognized on the district WMC conference program. Each district WMC will give financial assistance, if possible, so that its district SMM patroness and/or president may attend national conference.

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA

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1968-69 SMM OFFERINGS, GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS

1. September-November (Due Dec. 10, 1968)—Home Interests—Taos Guest Room	$1,000
2. December—February (Due March 10, 1969)—Operation SMM	1,000
3. March—May (Due June 10, 1969)—Birthday Offering—$450 each for three of our missionary children's higher education	1,350
4. June—August (Due Sept. 10, 1969)—Christian Education Department.	1,000
	$4,350

LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

(Dates must be postmarked no later than specified dates)

1. At least one cabinet meeting in the fall and one in the spring, the fall meeting for program and overall planning and the spring one for evaluation of your own group.
2. All local SMM's to send an annual report of the Martha Goal #1 projects completed to the national SMM vice-president and the district patroness by July 1.
3. All national offerings sent in by the specified date to Miss Joyce Ashman, 602 Chestnut, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. Checks should be made payable to National SMM.
4. Return the local statistical blanks, one to the district patroness and one to the national secretary, by July 1, keeping the third one for the local files.
5. Each girl purchase her own handbook.
6. That SMM be presented to the church in a special service sometime during the year. This should be done in cooperation with the pastor and the church program. (Remember, April is SMM birthday month.)
7. At least 75 per cent of the girls complete all Mary and Martha goals.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. A district project.
2. A two-to-four minute written achievement report to be given by the district president at the national board meeting. Retiring president to be responsible for it.
3. District patroness send out statistical blanks to local groups by May 15, compile the returned reports, and send one copy to the national SMM secretary by July 15, keeping one copy for the district files.
4. District help its president or girl representative in coming to board meetings ($15 or more, depending on the distance).
5. The district patroness contact newly organized churches or churches without SMM's, that they might receive the SMM materials which will help them organize their group.
6. District patroness send out award order sheets to local SMM patronesses who have reported personal goals on the statistical blanks (national SMM secretary to be responsible for sending out the award sheets to the district patronesses).
7. Each district submit $3.00 toward the "Girl of the Year" scholarship each year, sending it with the statistical blank.
8. Each district secretary send a letter to the national SMM editor after each district SMM rally reporting their meeting with a summary of the program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

1. That local SMM's meeting all local organization goals be recognized as honor SMM's by the district.
2. That districts meeting all district organization goals be recognized as honor districts.
3. That Marilyn Vnasdale be appointed national SMM devotional program chairman for 1968-69.
4. That the 1969-70 devotional program be completed and in the hands of the national SMM devotional program chairman by December 31, 1968.
5. That the Devotional Program Committee for 1970-71 be from the Northwest District, with Mrs. Adam Rager as chairman, and that a skeleton outline of the devotional program be sent to the national SMM devotional program chairman by December 31, 1968.
6. That Donna Hawbaker be appointed national SMM editor for 1968-69.
7. That Joyce Ashman be appointed national SMM financial secretary for 1968-69.
8. That Nancy Hall be appointed national SMM treasurer for 1968-69.
9. That the national board meet previous to conference 1969 and that each member receive $5.00 per working day present.
10. That the SMM Girl of the Year be selected and honored at national conference 1969 with all district nominations sent to the national SMM patroness by August 1.
11. That each local SMM award quarterly awards (other than national awards) to their girls as they deem necessary.
12. That the awards for the personal goals be as follows:

For memorization of a book of the Bible:
1. $15.00 toward national youth conference
2. $7.50 toward material ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company
3. Key necklace (Seniors only)
4. Two SMM sweatshirts—one green and one white

For Seniors reading the Bible through:
1. Key necklace
2. *Living Prophecies*
3. A Christian book

For Middlers reading the Old Testament through
1. *Living Psalms and Proverbs*
2. A Christian book

For Juniors reading the New Testament through
1. *Living Letters*
2. A Christian book

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN MINISTERS

Chmn.—P. Fred Fogle
V. Chmn.—Jack Peters
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Treas.—Dale Hostetler

(Minutes)

Tuesday, August 13

The meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. in the Grace Seminary Chapel with Rev. John Zielasko leading our ministers' prayer session. He spoke on the subject, "Asking in His Name," as it relates to prayer. A season of prayer followed the devotional.

The meeting reconvened at the Winona Lake Free Methodist Church at 8:00 a.m. Rev. Jerry Young led in a hymn. Dr. Herbert Bess led in prayer and the reading of Romans 15:14-17, commenting briefly on the passage. The devotional challenge was followed by a season of prayer.

The chair expressed appreciation to the Free Methodist Church for the use of their facilities by our ministerium.

The program committee presented the program schedule for the week with the following changes: Wednesday's program to be Dr. Glenn O'Neal as speaker in the absence of Rev. Douglas Bray. Motion prevailed to adopt the report with this correction. An expression of thanks was given to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* for the printing of the program.

The following men were introduced to the national ministerium: Eloy Pacheco, Kenneth Cosgrove, Jerry Ahern, Tom McClellan, Roger Peugh, Vern Davis, Tim Farner, David Willett, Jim Kauffman, Donald Fentes, Charles Winter, Warren Hall, John McKay, Dan Grabill, and Arthur Collins.

A memorial session was conducted by Dr. Homer Kent, Sr., honoring the men of our fellowship who have gone to be with the Lord this past year. Dr. Orville Jobson spoke in memory of Charles Henry Ashman; Rev. John Mayes spoke in memory of Earl W. Reed; Rev. Neil Beery spoke in memory of Miles H. Taber; Rev. Dean Fetterhoff spoke in memory of Bruce Whitmore; Charles Martin spoke in memory of Conard Sandy; Dr. Bernard Schneider prayed asking particular blessing upon the memory of these deceased brethren.

Rev. John Zielasko brought a brief report from the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society.

Following announcements, a motion to adjourn was carried. Rev. Herman W. Koontz closed the meeting with prayer.

Wednesday, August 14

The ministerium meeting convened at 7:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Free Methodist Church of Winona Lake, Indiana. Rev. Lester E. Pifer, Executive Secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, was in charge of the prayer meeting. He spoke on the subject, "The Holy Spirit and Prayer." This was followed by a time of praise and prayer.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 a.m. in the Free Methodist Church. Rev. Jerry Young led in the singing of a hymn, followed by an opening word of prayer by Rev. Roger Peugh.

The chair introduced Rev. Lester Pifer, who brought a brief report from the Brethren Home Missions Council.

Rev. Clyde Landrum presided over a military chaplain panel discussion. Chaplains participating were: Robert Miller, William Schaffer, Jerry Young, Robert Firl, John Talley, Lee Burris, and Donald Carter.

Dr. Glenn O'Neal, morning hour speaker, spoke on the subject, "Essentials to Good Preaching." Time was allowed for questions at the conclusion of his message.

The business session was called to order by our chairman, Dr. Herbert Bess. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The nominating committee chairman, Ernest Bearinger, presented the ballot which was adopted with two men declining office. Additional nominations were made from the floor.

The membership committee chairman, Rev. Sam Horney, reported that he was unable to present a complete and corrected list of Brethren ministers at this time.

Additional introductions of men to the ministerium were as follows: Richard Kriegbaum, Robert Poirer, David Seifert, and Delbert Jacoby.

Following announcements, a motion to adjourn carried. Rev. Wesley Haller closed with prayer.

Thursday, August 15

The meeting was opened at 7:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Free Methodist Church, Winona Lake, Indiana. Dr. Herman Hoyt, president of Grace College and Seminary, presided over the prayer meeting. He spoke on the subject, "Filled with the Spirit of God." Remarks were followed by a season of prayer.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 a.m. in the Free Methodist Church sanctuary. Rev. Gerald Polman led in the singing of the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." Rev. Phillip Simmons opened with a word of prayer.

Chairman Herbert Bess introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. Robert Collitt, who spoke on the subject, "What Radio Can Do for Your Church." Time for questions and discussion was allowed at the conclusion of his presentation.

The business session was called to order by the chairman. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Richard Messner, director of the Development Department for Grace Schools, brought a report in behalf of the organization he represents.

The membership committee chairman, Rev. Sam Horney, presented the corrected list of Brethren ministers in the fellowship. The report was adopted as corrected.

The nominating committee reported the election results. The following were elected ministerium officers: P. Fred Fogle, chairman; Jack Peters, vice-chairman; Jerry Young, secretary; Larry Gegner, assistant secretary; Richard Placeway, financial secretary; Dale Hostetler, treasurer.

The following were introduced to the fellowship; George Ritchey, Luke Kauffman.

The Chairman of the committee on licensure and ordination examination, Rev Randall Poyner, reported and made the following recommendations:

1. That a uniform procedure be used in all districts of our national ministerium.

2. That these procedures include a uniform type of application and an examination that involves both written and oral fulfillment on the part of the candidate.

3. That no person be examined for licensure or ordination unless "full-time Christian service" is intended.

4. That the examination for licensure and ordination be distinct one from the other, preferably a written examination to determine the fitness of the candidate before any oral interrogation.

5. That a study program be inaugurated during the 1968-69 year composed of the president and secretary of each district with a report to be made at the 1969 conference.

The committee report was accepted with the recommendation that the wording of the third recommendation, "full time Christian service," be weighed carefully taking into consideration its many ramifications and implications.

It was moved and carried that a meeting of the president and secretary of each district's examining board be held before our conference ends this year. They are to elect their own chairman, and the chairman of their current ministerium call the meeting, and that they proceed to fulfil the standards set forth by the recommendations of the committee on licensure and ordination examinations.

Following the announcements a motion o adjourn carried. The meeting closed vith prayer by Dr. Benjamin Hamilton.

Friday, August 16

The meeting was opened at 7:00 a.m: in he sanctuary of the Free Methodist Church, Vinona Lake, Indiana. Rev. Bill Smith led n the devotional, speaking from Psalm 34:1-10. Following a brief comment on his passage the fellowship united in a sea- on of prayer.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 a.m. in he Free Methodist Church sanctuary. Rev. Sherwood Durkee led in the singing of the ıymn, "Redeemed—how I love to proclaim t." Our chairman, Dr. Bess, opened with a vord of prayer.

Rev. Sherwood Durkee introduced the norning-hour speaker, Rev. Dave Hocking, vho spoke on the subject, "Biblical Princi- ples of Soul Winning."

The business session was called to order y our chairman. The minutes of the pre- ious meeting were read and approved.

The following men were introduced to he fellowship: Merlin Berkey, Fred Berke- ner.

Rev. Bill Smith brought a brief report rom the Board of Evangelism, expressing ppreciation to the fellowship for their ooperation.

Rev. Phillip Simmons brought a report rom the Board of Ministerial Emergency nd Retirement Benefits. The men were rged to join the retirement program.

Chairman-elect, Rev. P. Fred Fogle, poke briefly on behalf of the Department f Missions of Grace Schools, encouraging nissionary recruitment and prayer in this ffort. Rev. Fogle stated that the respective listrict ministeriums of our fellowship were ereby informed that a list of approved ninisters should be mailed to the vice chair- nan of the national ministerium on or be- ore the 15th of July, along with the corres- onding fee, if they desired all of their dis- rict ministers to appear on the initial min- sters' list.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, vice-president of LeTourneau College, spoke on behalf of the school, making particular mention of the specialized training LeTourneau College has to offer.

Rev. Lee Dice asked to speak briefly on the race relations issue. Discussion on the subject followed.

Motion was made "That this body of ministers recommend to the Race Relations Committee of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, that there be a clearing point of Brethren ministers, through the *Brethren Missionary Herald,* to get the negro people involved; and that this committee report their results to the national ministerium.

Motion prevailed to table the entire race relations issue to be considered at our next business session, and make this the first item of business in the next session.

Following announcements, motion to adjourn prevailed. Rev. J. Ward Tressler closed the meeting with prayer.

Saturday, August 17

The meeting was opened at 7:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Free Methodist Church. Prayer requests were shared and a time of prayer was greatly appreciated. Rev. Clyde Landrum, Executive Editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald,* spoke in the devotional session with the emphasis on the conference theme, "We Have a Concern," using Matthew 9:35-38 as a background Scripture.

The final session was opened by the chairman at 7:45 a.m. Rev. Dean Risser led the ministerium in the singing of the hymn, "Rescue the Perishing." Rev. Ron Thompson served by playing the piano. Rev. Edmund Leech led in prayer asking for the Lord's blessing upon our meeting. The main speaker for our morning session was Rev. Neil L. Beery, speaking on the subject, "Your Sunday Evening Service."

The business session was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Bess. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The chairman opened the meeting with

a discussion on the race relations question. After a brief discussion, the following substitute motion was offered: "That the national ministerium call upon the ministerium of the Southern California-Arizona District, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of Home Missions and the Director of Development of Grace Schools, to study and recommend to this body at its next session some definite action in establishing a scholarship and for other areas of involvement to find and encourage negro young men to enter Grace Seminary for the purpose of pastoring evangelical churches, particularly churches in the N.F.B.C., or as God directs." The substitute motion was seconded and passed.

The treasurer presented his report, covering the period of August 14, 1967 through August 17, 1968. Motion prevailed to accept the report.

A report was heard from the committee on licensure and ordination procedure, composed of the chairmen and secretaries of examining boards of all districts.

A motion prevailed "That the committee on licensure and ordination be continued for another year, and that said committee come prepared to present to the national ministerium in 1969 a suggested manual of procedure deliniating the following:

1. Pre-examination procedures
2. Written examination forms
3. Oral examination procedures
4. Inter-church and inter-district relationships.

The licensure and ordination committee is encouraged to solicit the help of chairmen and secretaries of district examining boards in carrying out their work. The committee is further directed to send the gathered material to each pastor at least 30 days before conference for their consideration."

A motion to adjourn prevailed. Chairman Bess closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Salazar, Secretary

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

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Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit this organization seeks to:

1. Stimulate the worship of Almighty God through our Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son and our Saviour, in accordance with His Holy Word, the Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible.
2. Promote Christian fellowship among men of the Brethren Church.
3. Effect an organization of Brethren laymen, banded together by the bonds of Christ's love to spread the gospel far and wide. To encourage men to work in close cooperation with their pastor under the direction of the Holy Spirit in the privilege that is ours of being co-laborers with Jesus Christ.

Goals

To Encourage—

1. The daily reading, studying, and distribution of the Book of Books, the Bible.
2. Witnessing for Christ, our Saviour, through personal visitation, evangelistic rallies, and tract distribution.
3. The wholehearted support of our local church and pastor and our local, district, and national boards.

4. The formation of laymen's organiations in all of our churches.

5. First Sunday of November designated s "Annual Grace Brethren Laymen's Sunlay" for the purpose of promoting boys' nd men's work on local, district and naional level.

6. Each local unit of Brethren laymen o study "The Master Plan of Evangelism" y Coleman with pastor as teacher if possile.

7. At least forty more churches with stablished boys' work.

8. A united appeal for average gift of ne dollar or more from each layman this ear to reach our goals.

Project

Scholarship Fund. . . $1,000.00

1968 Conference Echoes

Sessions 146 through 150 were held in he auditorium of the Free Methodist Pubshing House, Winona Lake, Indiana, beinning Tuesday, August 13 with prayer eriod each day at 7:00 a.m. Wonderful ellowship followed at 7:30 a.m. with rolls nd coffee prior to a rousing song service. pecial music rendered each day by differnt musicians. Devotional period in charge f district presidents. Challenging messages nspiring each layman to bear a better testiony and become a better witness for our ord and Saviour Jesus Christ were given y the following: Rev. Lloyd Mattson, en's work coordinator and writer for the hristian Service Brigade *Venture* magazine, hicago, Illinois. Lt. Ed Jackson, president, lational Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, mployment–identification section of Ohio tate Highway Patrol at Columbus, Ohio. r. Elton Hall, scientist and research chemt, Battelle Institute, Columbus, Ohio. R. tanley Tam, president of the States Smelting and Refining Corp., Lima, Ohio. Vern n Schrock, jeweler, moderator of Grace rethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Rev. Clair Brickel, representing the Board f Ministerial Benefits, reviewed some of the activities of the ministers' retirement program.

Dr. Harold H. Etling, director of Christian Education Department, installed newly elected officers.

Thirty-one more attended this year than last year with a grand total of 455 men for the five days and an offering of $346.50.

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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1967-1968

Balance brought forward.	$ 232.93
Receipts for the year	2,449.35
Disbursements.	1,900.06
Balance on hand, August 1, 1968 . . .	782.22

Disbursement breakdown

Board of Evangelism	500.00
Grace College and Seminary (Scholarship Fund)	797.52
General fund expenses:	
Brethren Missionary Herald	139.10
Flowers for Earle Cole funeral	15.99
Purple Enterprises (letterheads)	5.29
Valaitis Printing	29.10
Postage	24.00
Paul Woodruff	150.00
M. S. Speece (postage)	40.10
Daymont Printing Co.	17.55
Retiring Officers' Gifts	10.00
National Conference Display	18.07
Christian Education Department (mimeo work)	11.61
Westminster Hotel (use of Rainbow Room)	25.00
Akron Bank	.27
Concordia Tract Mission	7.31
Fisher Printing Co.	54.00
Hummey's Signs	50.00
Farmer's Bank	5.15
Total disbursements	$ 1,900.06

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BOARD OF EVANGELISM

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All correspondence relating to scheduling of evangelists should be directed to Rev. Smith. Also, all checks should be made payable to the Board of Evangelism and mailed to Rev. Smith.

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District Conference Organizations

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Allegheny Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa.

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Rules and Organization

Michael Funderburg
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District Editor—Mrs. Harry Leydig

Ministerium

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Moderator's Address

Chmn.—Melvin Hobson
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Dean Risser

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Coolville, Ohio—Grace Brethren
Grafton, W. Va.—First Brethren
Jenners, Pa.—Jenners Brethren
Listie, Pa.—Listie Brethren
Meyersdale, Pa.—Meyersdale Brethren
Meyersdale, Pa.—Summit Mills Brethren
Parkersburg, W. Va.—Grace Brethren
Pittsburgh, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Stoystown, Pa.—Reading Brethren
Uniontown, Pa.—First Brethren
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EAST

The East Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Pike Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., April 17-19, 1969.

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Hollidaysburg, Pa.—Vicksburg Brethren
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Kokomo—Grace Brethren
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Denver, Colo.—Denver Grace Brethre[illegible]
Portis, Kans.—First Brethren
Taos, N. Mex.—Canon Brethren

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nkenytown—Grace Brethren
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owling Green—Good News Brethren
anville—Danville Brethren
efiance—Grace Brethren
ndlay—Findlay Brethren
remont—Grace Brethren
alion—Grace Brethren
exington—Grace Brethren
ansfield—Grace Brethren
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Bothell, Wash.—Grace Brethren Bible
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Harrah, Wash.—Harrah Brethren
Kent, Wash.—Grace Brethren Church of Kent
Mabton, Wash.—Grace Brethren Church of Mabton
Portland, Oreg.—Grace Brethren
Richland, Wash.—Grace Brethren
Spokane, Wash.—Opportunity Grace Brethren
Sunnyside, Wash.—First Brethren
Toppenish, Wash.—Grace Brethren
Yakima, Wash.—Grace Brethren

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Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches

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969

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Johnson City, Tenn.—Grace Brethren
Radford, Va.—Fairlawn Brethren
Richmond, Va.—Grace Brethren
Riner, Va.—Grace Brethren
Roanoke, Va.—Clearbrook Brethren
Roanoke, Va.—Garden City Brethren
Roanoke, Va.—Ghent Brethren
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Roanoke, Va.—Washington Heights Brethren
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Beaumont—Cherry Valley Brethren
Bell—Bell Brethren
Bellflower—First Brethren
Fillmore—First Brethren
Gardena—Gardena Brethren
Glendale—First Brethren
Grand Terrace—Community Grace Brethren
Inglewood—First Brethren
La Habra—La Habra Brethren
La Puente—Hacienda Heights Brethren Church
La Verne—First Brethren
Lakewood—Grace Brethren Church of Artesia
Long Beach—Community Grace Brethren Church
Long Beach—First Brethren
Long Beach—Los Altos Brethren
Long Beach—North Long Beach Brethren
Los Angeles—Community Brethren
Montclair—Grace Brethren
Norwalk—Norwalk Brethren
Orange—Grace Brethren
Phoenix, Ariz.—Grace Brethren
Rialto—Rialto Brethren
Rowland Heights—Hillside Brethren
San Bernardino—Grace Brethren
San Diego—Grace Brethren
Santa Barbara—Santa Barbara Brethren

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Seal Beach—Grace Brethren
Simi—Grace Brethren
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West Covina—West Covina Brethren
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Southern Ohio District Conference of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Grace Brethren Church, Brookville, Ohio, May 6-8, 1969

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ayton—Clayton Brethren
vington—First Brethren
yton—Basore Road Grace Brethren
yton—Brethren Church of Huber Heights
yton—First Brethren
yton—North Riverdale Brethren
yhill, Ky.—Grace Brethren Chapel
glewood—Englewood Grace Brethren
ttering—Calvary Brethren
Sinking Spring—Grace Brethren
Trotwood—Grace Brethren
Troy—Grace Brethren
Vandalia—Vandalia Grace Brethren
West Alexandria—Grace Brethren Community

Directory of Brethren Churches

Listing 227 churches in 24 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico

Listed by States; Giving City, Pastor's Name, Church Name, Membership as of January 1, 1968, Address, and Telephone Number; and Name and Address of Secretary or Clerk

ARIZONA

PHOENIX (Joe K. Coppinger)
Grace Brethren Church of Phoenix (100)
2940 W. Bethany Home Rd., Zip 85017 (Tel. 602-264-5821)
Mrs. Leo Shaffer, 5110 N. 60th Dr., Glendale, Ariz. 85301

TUCSON
Silverbell Grace Brethren Church (39)
1477 N. Silverbell Rd., Zip 85705 (Tel. 602-623-3388) (Leave Freeway at Speedway exit, west to Silverbell Rd., north on Silverbell ¼ mile to church)
Mrs. William Kluth, 1501 N. Venice, Lot 11, Tucson, Ariz. 85716

CALIFORNIA

ANAHEIM (Donald F. Carter)
Grace Brethren Church (145)
1546 E. La Palma Blvd., Zip 92805 (Tel. 714-535-2073)
Richard Clugston, 1716 Briarvale St., 92805

BEAUMONT
Cherry Valley Brethren Church (201)
Vineland and Beaumont Aves. (P.O Box 655) (Three miles north of Highway 99), Zip 92223 (Tel. 714 845-2653)
Mrs. Edith Hitsch, P.O. Box 606, 92223

BELL (Albert Flory)
Bell Brethren Church (99)
6830 Wilcox Ave., Zip 90201 (Tel 213-582-7033)
Mrs. Richard Olsen, 6614 Sherman Way

BELLFLOWER (Edwin E. Cashman)
The Bellflower Brethren Church (335)
Mailing Address—Box 306, 90706
9405 E. Flower St. (Clark and Flowe Sts.), Zip 90706 (Tel. 213-867-6132 or 213-630-3631)
On Clark Ave., Midway between Artesia and Alondra Blvds.
Mrs. Pat Piercy, 6712 Loomis, Lakewood, Calif. 90712

CHICO (William L. Shelby)
Grace Brethren Church of Chico (60)
1505 Arbutus Ave., Zip 95926 (Tel. 916-342-8642)
Mrs. Dorothy MacVittie, Rt. 3, Bo 185 M, 95926

FILLMORE
First Brethren Church (39)
422 Central Ave., Zip 93015 (Tel. 805-524-1883)
Mrs. Gladys Carpenter, P.O. Box 412, 93015

GARDENA (William Stevens)
Grace Brethren Church (42)
1823 W. 150th St. (at Western Ave.), Zip 90249 (Tel. 213-323-9755)
Mrs. James Margolin, 1260 E. Millmont

GLENDALE (Lyle W. Marvin)
Grace Brethren Community Church (92)
632 W. Stocker St., Zip 91202 (corner of Kenilworth and Stocker) (Tel. 213-242-1608)
James C. Martin, 809 Burchett St., 91202

GRAND TERRACE (Arthur Carey—Robert Addison)
Community Grace Brethren of Grand Terrace (43)
12408 S. Mt. Vernon 92324 (leave Riverside Freeway at Barton Rd.—one-half mile east to Mt. Vernon, three blocks south to church)
Martha McDonald, 7310 Ashley, Colton, Calif. 92324

GRASS VALLEY (Arthur L. Pekarek)
Grace Brethren Church (29)
134 Walker Dr. (Butler Rd. and Walker Drive) Zip 95945
Mrs. Nettie Leigh, R.R. 2, Box 2077, 95945

INGLEWOOD (Donald D. Furrow)
First Brethren Church (205)
2400 W. 85th St., Zip 90305 (Manchester at Van Ness) (Tel. 213-751-2505)
Mrs. Beverly Walker, 9600 Third Ave., 90305

LA HABRA (Robert W. Hill)
LaHabra Brethren Church (150)
1540 W. La Habra Ave., Zip 90631 (Tel. 213-691-3724)
Rex Clayton, 10214 S. Regatta Dr., Whittier, Calif. 90604

LAKEWOOD (Elmer D. Fricke)
Grace Brethren Church (47)
11859 E. 209th St., Lakewood, Calif., Zip 90713 (1 block east of Pioneer Blvd. and 1 block north of Centralia Rd.) (Tel. 213-863-4366)
Robert Davis, 3119 Glen Holly Dr., Anaheim, Calif. 92804

LA PUENTE (Frank E. Dunigan)
Hacienda Heights Grace Brethren Church (41)
(Mailing address, Box 511, La Puente, Calif. 91747) 1800 La Mesita Dr., Hacienda Heights, Calif. (Temporary meeting place) (Tel. 213-696-9837)
Millie Sudduth, 3036 Pietro Dr., Hacienda Heights, Calif. 91745

LA VERNE (Elias D. White, Th. D.)
First Brethren Church (117)
Cor. Third and "E" Sts., Zip 91750 (Tel. 714-593-1204) (Across from Post Office)
Mrs. Ruth Campbell, 774 Shasta Way, Upland, Calif. 91786

LONG BEACH (Ralph J. Colburn)
Community Grace Brethren Church (197)
5885 Downey Ave., Zip 90805 (Tel. 213-634-1056)
Mrs. Suanne Swan, 5570 Ulen St., Long Beach, Calif. 90815

LONG BEACH (David L. Hocking)
First Brethren Church (1242)
3601 Linden Ave., Zip 90807 (Tel. 213-424-0788) (On 36th St. between Atlantic Ave. and Long Beach Blvd.)
Mrs. Gladys Lasiter, 1412 E. 55th St., Long Beach, Calif. 90805

LONG BEACH (Harold B. Penrose)
Los Altos Brethren Church (354)
6565 Stearns St., Zip 90815 (Tel. 213-431-0993)
Mrs. Floyd Strawsburg, 6330 Deborah St., Zip 90815

LONG BEACH (George O. Peek, D.D.)
North Long Beach Brethren Church (1400)
6095 Orange Ave., Zip 90805 (Tel. 213-423-5431)
Mrs. Betty Wilson (church address)

LOS ANGELES (Ron Graff)
Community Brethren Church (183)
756 S. Keenan, Zip 90022 (Tel. 213-721-5972)
Mrs. Dorothy Becker, 525 S. Russell, Monterey Park, Calif. 91754

MODESTO (Robert C. Kliewer)
Greenwood Grace Brethren Church (49)
605 Standiford Ave., Zip 95350 (Temporarily meeting in Sylvan Clubhouse, Sylvan and McHenry Sts.) (Tel. 209-526-1071)
Mrs. Frances Skiles, 3513 Toomes Rd. 95351

MODESTO (J. Paul Miller)
La Loma Grace Brethren Church (294)
1315 La Loma Ave., Zip 95351 (Tel. 209-523-3738)
Bernard Good, 4318 McHenry Ave., 95350

MONTCLAIR
Grace Brethren Church (135)
5655 Palo Verde St., Zip 91763 (Tel. 714-984-2323) (S.W. Cor. Benson and Palo Verde)
Mrs. Ruth Ashman, 903 S. Lolita, West Covina, Calif. 91790

NORWALK (W. Stanley Jensen)
Norwalk Brethren Church (260)
11005 Foster Rd., Zip 90650 (N.E. corner of Studebaker and Foster Rds.) (Tel. 213-UN3-7322) (One-half mile E. of 605 Freeway)
Mrs. Helen Soverns, 14503 Crossdale Ave.

ORANGE (L. L. Grubb)
Grace Brethren Church
Meeting at Waverly Church, 1700 E. Fairhaven Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. 92701

RIALTO (Gerald Polman)
Rialto Brethren Church (140)
(Mailing address: Box 337)
690 W. Etiwanda Ave., Zip 92376 (Tel. 714-875-0730)
Mrs. Wm. Brown, 605 Rosewood, 92376

ROWLAND HEIGHTS (Robert D. McCormick)
Hillside Brethren Church of Rowland Heights (27)
2804 Fullerton Rd., Zip 91745 (Tel. 213-964-2117)

SACRAMENTO (Charles Martin)
Grace Brethren Church (102)
4261 Whitney Ave., Sacramento, Calif. 95821 (Tel. 916-483-2840)
Mrs. Roberta Collins, 7409 Rollingwood Blvd., Citrus Heights, Calif. 95610

SAN BERNARDINO (James S. McClellan)
Grace Brethren Church (169)
25700 Pacific St., Zip 92404 (corner Pacific St. and Sterling Ave.) (Tel. 714-TU9-8695)
Mrs. Phanetta Nowka, 1880 Millard St., Rialto, Calif. 92376

SAN DIEGO (Henry Dalke)
Grace Brethren Church (53)
3455 Atlas St., Zip 92111 (Tel. 714-277-5364)
Mrs. Madge Dickinson, 3340 Currant, San Diego, Calif. 92111

SAN JOSE (Llewellyn D. Ingwaldson)
Grace Brethren Church (86)
4610 Camden Ave., Zip 95124 (mile south from Camden Ave. turnoff on Highway 17) (Tel. 408-269-1289)
Mrs. June Hopper, 1777 Branham Lane, San Jose, Calif. 95124

SANTA BARBARA (Dale C. Hostetler)
Grace Brethren Church (19)
(Mailing address: 4188 Modoc Rd., Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105)
Services at: Pepper Tree Motor Inn, 3850 State St. (Tel. 805-967-9439)
Mrs. Norma Anderson, 5699 Via Salerno, Goleta, Calif. 93017

SANTA MARIA (Alva Conner)
Grace Brethren Church
818 S. Broadway (All mail to P.O. Box 1328, 93454) (Tel. 922-4991)

SEAL BEACH (Thomas D. McClellan)
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8th and Central, Zip 90740 (Tel. 213-430-3722)
Florence A. McClellan, 6101 Fenley Dr., Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647

SIMI (E. John Gillis)
Simi Community Brethren Church (56)
2762 Avenida, Zip 93065 (N. Sycamore and Avenida (Tel. 805-527-0195)
Julie Carley, 1351 Hoyt Ct., 93065

SOUTH PASADENA (C. Fred Berkemer)
Fremont Avenue Brethren Church (151)
920 Fremont Ave. Zip 91030 (corner of Fremont and El Centro; across from main post office), (Tel. 213-799-6081)
Mrs. Faye Nichols, 233 La Paloma Ave., Alhambra, Calif. 91801

TEMPLE CITY
Temple City Brethren Church (57)
5537 Temple City Blvd., Zip 91780 (Tel. 213-286-6342)
Mrs. David Eggers, 5410 N. Maple-tree, Arcadia, Calif. 91006

TRACY (C. Richard Cripe)
Grace Brethren Church (15)
1480 Parker Ave., Zip 95376 (corner of Beverly and Parker) (Tel. 209-835-5671)
Mrs. Janet Coykendall, 1308 Marlin Pl., 95376

WEST COVINA (Arthur N. Malles)
West Covina Brethren Church (88)
710 N. Lark Ellen, Zip 91790 (Tel. 213-332-0682)
Mrs. Dianne Artz, 1405 E. Puente Ave. 91790

WESTMINSTER (Douglas E. Bray)
Westminster Brethren Church (383)
14614 Magnolia Ave., Zip 92683 (Tel. 714-893-5500) (San Diego Freeway South on Magnolia Ave.)
Jan LaRue, 14172 Riverton Circle

WHITTIER (Ward A. Miller)
Community Brethren Church of Whittier (316)
11000 East Washington Blvd., Zip 90606 (Tel. 213-695-8118)
Fred Wright, 15924 Richvale, 90604

WHITTIER (Lewis C. Hohenstein)
First Brethren Church (562)
6704 Milton Ave., Zip 90601 (Milton and Bailey; downtown Whittier). Mailing address: P.O. Box 174, 90608 (Tel. 213-OX3-7666)
Robert Campbell, 7118 Kengard Ave., 90606

COLORADO

ARVADA (Robert L. Firl)
Hackberry Hill Grace Brethren Church (49)
7100 Wadsworth Blvd., Zip 80002 (Turn east from Wadsworth Blvd. at 71st Ave.; follow road around base of hill, curving northward, to entrance at east side of property. Follow road to top of hill) (Tel. 303-424-3116)
Mrs. Jo Disero, 2173 So. Eaton, Apt. 21, Denver, 80227

DENVER (F. Thomas Inman)
Denver Grace Brethren Church (126)
700 S. Federal Blvd., Zip 80219 (Federal Blvd. and Exposition) (Tel. 303-934-7876)
Bonnie Berg, R.R. 1, Box 83, Morrison, Colo. 80465

WASH., D. C.

WASHINGTON (Charles G. Thornton)
First Brethren Church (237)
439 12th St., S.E., Zip 20003 (Pennsylvania Ave. at 12th and E Sts., S.E.) (Tel. 202-544-6142)
Miss Mary Merrick, 2600 Naylor Rd., S.E., 20020

WASHINGTON (James G. Dixon, Jr.)
Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington (200)
5000 St. Barnabas Rd., Temple Hills, Md. 20031 (southeast suburban Washington, just off the Capital Beltway) (Tel. 301-894-8477 or 301-894-2294)
Addison Marrow, 4816 Leslie Ave., Temple Hills, Md. 20031

FLORIDA

FORT LAUDERDALE (Jack K. Peters, Sr.)
Grace Brethren Church (349)
1800 N.W. 9th Ave., Zip 33311 (Tel. 305-524-6235)
Mrs. Edna Cason, 1616 Davie Blvd., 33312

FORT MYERS (Bernard N. Schneider)
Grace Brethren Church (32)
Crystal Dr., Zip 33901 (5 miles south of Fort Myers, just off Highway number 4) (Tel. WE6-1724)
Mrs. Helen Davidson, 1923 Maple Dr.

MAITLAND (R. Paul Miller)
Grace Brethren Church (30)
Wymore and Oranole, 32751 (3 miles north of the Lee Road exit from Interstate 4 on Wymore) (Mailing address: Box 762, Maitland, Fla. 32751 (Tel. 305-831-1626)
Mrs. George Smucker, 1850 Biscayne Dr., Winter Park, Fla. 32789

MARGATE (Edward Lewis)
Grace Brethren Church (80)
6100 S.W. 10th Court, Zip 33063 (Just inside entrance to Kimberly Village) (Tel. 305-972-0542)
Mrs. Betty Shallcross, 2613 N.W. 64th Ave.

OKEECHOBEE (Randall Maycumber)
Christian Brethren Church (156)
701 South Parrott Street, 33472 (Tel. 813-RO3-3218)
Mrs. Kathleen Williams, P.O. Box 671

POMPANO BEACH (Gene E. Witzky)
Grace Brethren Church (75)
3501 N.E. Third Ave., Zip 33064 (Near North District Hospital) (Tel. 305-941-3176)
Richard Juday, 912 N.E. 7th St., Zip 33060

ST. PETERSBURG (Herman Koontz)
Grace Brethren Church

GEORGIA

ATLANTA (William A. Byers)
Grace Brethren Church (17)
4924 Framons Ct. (Dunwoody) 30338 (North off Interstate 285 or Ashford-Dunwoody Rd., 2 miles) (Tel. 457-0470)
Betty I. Byers (Same address as church)

HAWAII

WAIMALU, AIEA (Edmund M. Leech)
Waimalu Grace Brethren Church (58)
98-404 Ponohale St., Zip 96701 (2 miles west of Aiea) (Tel. 466 006)
Mrs. Miyoko Nakasone, 98-347 Ponohale St., Aiea, Hi. 96701

WAHIAWA (Foster Tresise)
Waipio Grace Brethren Church (39)
95-303 Waioni St., Zip 96786 (Church is located in Waipio Acres 3 miles east of Wahiawa) (Tel. 623 2298)
Mrs. Eleanor Kepner, 95-255 Waipoo St.

ILLINOIS

VHEATON (Richard Kriegbaum)
Wheaton Grace Brethren Church (59)
112 S. Dorchester Ave., Zip 60187
(Tel. 312-668-5904)
Mrs. Tom Cooper, 906 S. Gables

INDIANA

ERNE (Kenneth E. Russell)
Bethel Brethren Church (157)
R.R. 2 (Mailing address: 417 W. Water St.), Zip 46711 (6 miles east on Ind. 218 and ½ mile south) (Tel. 219-589-3381)
Mrs. John Burkhart, R.R. 1, Monroe, Ind. 46772

CLAY CITY (Robert G. Clouse, Ph.D.)
First Brethren Church (47)
Tenth and Cook Sts., Zip 47841
Miss LaVaughn Backfisch, R.R. 1

LKHART (Gordon W. Bracker)
Grace Brethren Church (146)
1600 E. Mishawaka Rd., Zip 46514
In the Dunlap community—corner of E. Mishawaka Rd. (City 20) and Clayton Rd. (Tel. 219-875-5271)
Mrs. Maynard Russell, 4625 S. Main St., Zip 46514

LORA (Robert C. Moeller)
Grace Brethren Church (105)
Main and Willow Sts., Zip 46929
(Tel. 219-967-3020)
Mrs. Melvin Fisher, R.R. 1

ORT WAYNE (M. Lee Myers)
First Brethren Church (213)
3326 S. Calhoun St., Zip 46807 (opposite South Side High School)
(Tel. 219-744-1065)
Mrs. Ben Miller, 4107 North Dr., 46805

FORT WAYNE (Gene Klingler, interim)
Grace Brethren Church (71)
4619 Stellhorn Rd., Zip 46805 (north side of State Highway 37, (N.E.) (Tel. 219-485-3021)
Mrs. Lorry Griest, 4214 Casa Verde Dr.

GOSHEN
Grace Brethren Church (76)
1801 W. Clinton St., Zip 46526
(Tel. 219-533-7546)
Mrs. Dorothy Brumbaugh, R.R. 3

INDIANAPOLIS (Jerry R. Young)
Grace Brethren Church (32)
Mailing address: 5519 West 43rd St. (church office) (Tel. 317-293-3372) Zip 46254 (Temporary meeting place: Krannert Family YMCA, 605 S. High School Rd.) (West side of town, adjacent to Interstate 465)
Mrs. Arlene Schrock, 3124 Bonham Dr., Zip 46222

KOKOMO (Herman H. Hein, Jr.)
Grace Brethren Church (73)
4901 Arrowhead Blvd., Zip 46901 (at north entrance of Indian Heights on 300 South, one-half mile east of 31 by-pass) (Tel. 317-453-0734)
Mrs. David Boone, R.R. 6, 300S., 200W, 46901

LEESBURG (David L. Willett)
Leesburg Brethren Church (94)
Box 101, Zip 46538 (opposite schoolhouse) (Tel. 219-453-7401)
Mrs. Voyle Osborn, R.R. 2

OSCEOLA (Richard P. DeArmey)
Bethel Brethren Church (281)
Lincoln Way and Oregon (Mailing address: 121 Oregon St., R.R. 3, Zip 46561 (Tel. 219-679-4749)
Glen Stealy, 3505 Pleasant St., South Bend, Ind. 46615

PERU (Gerald H. Root)
Peru Brethren Church (108)
436 S. Broadway, Zip 46970 (Please send all mail to parsonage: 260 W. Tenth St.) (Tel. 317-473-3881)
James Land, 370 W. 7th

SELLERSBURG
Grace Brethren Church of Sellersburg (9)
R.R. 2, Borden, Ind. (2½ miles S.W. of Interstate 65, Memphis Interchange, on Crone Road)
James M. Nunn, R.R. 2, Borden, Ind. 47106

SIDNEY (A. Rollin Sandy)
Sidney Brethren Church (53)
Miss Enid Heckman, R.R. 2, North Manchester, Ind. 46962

SOUTH BEND
Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church (111)
1701 E. Ireland Rd., Zip 46614 (East of Broadmoor Shopping Center) (Tel. 219-291-3550)
Mrs. Linda Tom, 3005 Sunnymede Ave., 46615

WARSAW (Mark E. Malles)
Community Grace Brethren Church (133)
909 S. Buffalo St., Zip 46580 (Tel. 219-267-5788)
E. William Male, R.R. 3, Warsaw, Ind. 46580

WINONA LAKE (Charles H. Ashman, Jr.)
Winona Lake Brethren Church (300)
Grace Seminary Bldg., Zip 46590 (Mailing address: Box 385) (Tel. 219-267-6623)
Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., P.O. Box 102

IOWA

CEDAR RAPIDS (Simon T. Toroian)
Grace Brethren Church (53)
2905 D Ave., N.E., Zip 52402 (29th St. and D Ave., N.E.) (Tel. 319-363-4983)
Miss Nancy Gorsh, 1108 3rd St., S.W.

DALLAS CENTER (James B. Marshall)
First Brethren Church (114)
305 Hatton St., Zip 50063 (Tel. 515 837-3235)
Mrs. Max Foughty, 400 Kellogg St.

DAVENPORT (Don Brotherton)
Grace Brethren Church (36)
1035 W. Kimberly Rd., Zip 52806 (next to osteopathic hospital) (Tel 319-391-4403)
Jayn Nymeyer, 222 W. 29th, 52803

DES MOINES (Milton Ryerson)
First Brethren Church (163)
E. 10th and Lyon Sts., Zip 5031 (2 blocks north of state capitol bldg.) (Tel. 515-262-5290)
Mrs. Cliff Jones, 1500 31st.

GARWIN (Donald Jentes)
Carlton Brethren Church (123)
R.R. 1, Zip 50632 (6½ miles south west of Garwin (Tel. 515-499-2460
Mrs. Carl Kouba, Toledo, Iowa 5234

LEON (Glen H. Welborn)
Leon Brethren Church (92)
108 W. Fourth St. (on Route 69 opposite the high school) 50144
Mrs. James Durell, R.R. 3

NORTH ENGLISH (David Thompson)
Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church (65)
R.R. 1, Zip 52316 (2 miles east o Millersburg, 6 miles N. W. of North English) (Tel. 319-664-5311)
Mrs. Shirley Herdlicka, R.R. 3, Williamsburg, Iowa 52316

WATERLOO (John M. Aeby)
Grace Brethren Church (319)
1760 Williston Ave., Zip 50702 (Tel 319-234-8473)
Mrs. Donald Sawyer, 1226 W. 6th St Zip 50702

KANSAS

'ORTIS (Clarence H. Lackey)
First Brethren Church (144)
Box 6, Zip 67474 (on Highway 281)
(Tel. 913-368-4711)
Mrs. Norma Wolters

KENTUCKY

CLAYHOLE (Sewell S. Landrum)
Clayhole Brethren Church (41)
Box 219, Zip 41317 (14 miles southeast of Jackson on Highway 15)
(Tel. 606-666-5050)
Mrs. Martha Combs, Route 15

)RYHILL (Marvin E. Lowery)
Grace Brethren Chapel (27)
12 miles north of Hyden on Route 257 (Tel. Hyden, Ky. 606-672-2520)
Mrs. Ted Begley, Confluence, Ky. 41730

MARYLAND

ACCIDENT (Raymond H. Kettell)
Grace Brethren Church (38)
3 miles south of Accident, Zip 21520 (Tel. 301-826-8310)
Benjamin E. Callis, Box 25

HAGERSTOWN (A. Harold Arrington)
Calvary Brethren Church (253)
Bryan Place and W. Franklin St. (Mailing address: P.O. Box 1275) (U.S. 40 West), Zip 21740 (Tel. 301-733-6375)
Richard Kline, 54 East Irvin Ave.

HAGERSTOWN (Gerald W. Teeter)
Gay Street Brethren Church (125)
Gay and Allen Sts., Zip 21740 (Tel. 301-582-0155)
Mrs. John Cook, 2202 Linden Drive

HAGERSTOWN (Robert B. Collitt)
Hagerstown Grace Brethren Church (514)
First and Spruce Sts., Zip 21740 (Tel. 301-739-1726)
Mr. John Kleppinger, 43 W. Longmeadow Rd.

WESTERNPORT (Michael D. Funderburg)
Mill Run Grace Brethren Church (17)
R.R. 1, Zip 21562 (4 miles north of Westernport, west off Route 36)
Mrs. Gerald Derham, R.R. 1

MICHIGAN

ALTO (Charles A. Flowers)
Calvary Brethren Church (68)
13626 84th St., S. E., R.R. 2, Zip 49302 (84th St. near Logan Lake)
Lloyd Miller, R. R. 2

BERRIEN SPRINGS (Robert Poirier)
Grace Brethren Church (23)
429 Rose Hill Road (Mailing address: P.O. Box 194, 49103) (Tel. 616-471-1501)
Mrs. Robert Poirier, Box 194

HASTINGS (Russell Sarver)
Hastings Grace Brethren Church (18)
243 S. Jefferson St. (corner of Jefferson and Center), Zip 49058
Mrs. Russell Sarver, R.R. 1, Box 328, 49058

JACKSON (Gilbert Hawkins)
Grace Brethren Church (49)
4100 Clinton Rd., Zip 49202 (North of Jackson on U.S. 127 to M-50 and 127 junction; take M-50 ½ mile toward Charlotte) (Mailing address: 519 Fern Ave. 49202)
(Tel 517-784-5403)
Mrs. David C. Cole, 3503 Tygh Rd., Horton, Mich. 49246

LAKE ODESSA (Richard H. Cornwell)
Grace Brethren Church (72)
R.R. 1, Zip 48849 (1 mile south of M-50, ½ mile east of Nash Rd.)
(Tel. 616-693-3257)
Mrs. Orley Hulliberger, Tasker Rd.

LANSING (Randall E. Poyner)
Grace Brethren Church (110)
3904 W. Willow St., Zip 48917 (Tel. 517-372-0482)
John R. Wedding, 2916 Colchester Rd., 48906

NEW TROY (Gerald L. Kelley)
New Troy Brethren Church (86)
Box 67, Zip 49119 (corner of Weechick Rd. and Detroit St.) (Tel. 616-426-3121)
Mrs. Ben Mensinger, R.R. 2, Three Oaks, Mich. 49128

TROUT LAKE (Donald R. Taylor)
Grace Brethren Church (62)
Rt. 656 Moran P.O., Ozark, Mich. 49760 (5½ miles east and 1 mile south of Trout Lake on M-48) (Tel. 906-Trout Lake 602)
Mrs. Fred Huntley, P.O. Box 122

MINNESOTA

WINONA (Donald W. Farner)
Grace Brethren Church (21)
627 W. Wabasha (7th), Zip 55987 (Mailing address: 803 W. King St.) (Tel. 507-8-2045)
Mrs. Everett Bearden, Lewiston, Minn. 55952

NEBRASKA

BEAVER CITY
Grace Brethren Church (44)
12th and "O" Sts., Zip 68926
Mrs. Lena Inman, Stamford, Nebr. 68977

OMAHA (Merlin D. Berkey)
Grace Brethren Bible Church
2502 N. 51st St., Zip 68104
(All mail to pastor's address, 5839 Sprague St.)
Mrs. Judy McMasters, 803 E. Jefferson St., Millard, Nebr. 68137

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE
Grace Brethren Church (70)
149 Daniel Circle, N.W., Zip 87107 (½ block east off 7600 block 2d St., N.W.) (Tel. 505-898-2554)
Sallie Salazar, 206 Ranchos Rd., N.W. 87107

TAOS (Robert Salazar)
Canon Brethren Church (115)
Box 1531, 1 mile east of Taos on Raton Rd. (Hwy. 64), Zip 8757
(Tel. 505-758-3388)
Miss Doloris Gallegos, Ranchitos Rt.

OHIO

AKRON (Vernon J. Harris)
Fairlawn Brethren Church (107)
754 Ghent Rd., Zip 44313 (State Rte. 176, between Rtes. 18 an 77) (Tel. 216-666-8341)
Mrs. Karl Gillenwater, 1379 Dewi Dr., 44313

AKRON (John P. Burke)
First Brethren Church (320)
530 Stetler Ave., Zip 44312 (Ell area) (Tel. 216-733-2520)
Mrs. Joseph Bry, 438 Stevenson Ave Zip 44312

ANKENYTOWN (Larry K. Gegner)
Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church (152)
R. D. 1, Bellville, Ohio 44813 (4½ mi. N.E. of Fredericktown on Stat Route 95) (Tel. 614-694-3197)
Mrs. Donna Grubb, R.R. 1, Bellville

ASHLAND (Knute Larson)
Grace Brethren Church (308)
615 W. Tenth St., Zip 44805 (Tel. 419-324-5374)
Mrs. Leona Miller, 1008 Wick Ave.

ASHLAND (Mason Cooper)
Southview Grace Brethren Churcl (216)
Katherine and Budd Sts. (across fro Sr. High School), Zip 44805 (T 419-324-5251)
Mr. Leonard Aulger, R.R. 2, Man field, Ohio 44903

BARBERTON (Kenneth I. Cosgrove
First Brethren Church of Norton (6
3970 Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Z 44203 (½ mile S. of State Rte. 2 and Interstate 805) (Tel. 216-82 6291)
Mrs. Thelma Rodgers, R.R. 2, 18 Greenwich Rd., Wadsworth, Oh 44281

OWLING GREEN (John M. McKay)
Good News Grace Brethren Church (25)
121 S. Enterprise St., Zip 43402 (Just off Rte. 6 at Enterprise St.) (Tel. 419-352-3305)
Mr. Carl Shelter, Bloomdale, Ohio 44817

ROOKVILLE (Clair E. Brickel)
Brookville Grace Brethren Church (112)
12222 Westbrook Rd., Zip 45309 (Mailing address: R.R. 1, Box 385BB)
Mrs. Kenneth Landis, 11050 Old Dayton Rd., New Lebanon, Ohio 45345

AMDEN (George Ritchey)
First Brethren Church (111)
West Central Ave. at Lafayette St., Zip 45311 (Tel. 513-452-1290)
Mrs. Emory Davenport, 183 N. 2d St., Zip 45311

ANTON (James M. Kennedy)
Grace Brethren Church (195)
6283 Market Ave., N., Zip 44721 (Tel. 216-499-3818)
Mrs. Paul Rohart, 203 Pontius Rd., Mogadore, Ohio 44260

AYTON (William E. Howard)
Clayton Brethren Church (150)
Box 8, Zip 45315 (Salem and Kimmel Rd., ½ mile north of Rtes. 40 and 70) (Tel. 513-836-6247)
Mrs. Lewis Requarth, R.R. 1, Box 299, Brookville, Ohio 45309

EVELAND (Robert Wm. Markley)
Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church (35)
5564 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst, Ohio (East suburb of Cleveland), Zip 44124 (Tel. 216-442-5353)
Miss Mary Schulz, 4658 Liberty Rd., S. Euclid, Ohio 44121

COLUMBUS (James Custer)
Grace Brethren Church of Columbus (212)
6675 Worthington-Galena Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085 (Tel. 614-888-7733)
Mrs. Lois Johnson, 2905 North Star Rd., 43221

COOLVILLE (Donald M. Marken)
Grace Brethren Church
Meeting in Troy Township House
Mrs. Everett Jarvis, R.R. 2, Guysville, Ohio 45723

COVINGTON (Ralph F. Miller)
First Brethren Church (50)
Spring at Pearl St., Zip 45318 (Tel. 513-473-1351)
Mrs. Kenneth Peters, 4666 W. St., (Rte. 41)

CUYAHOGA FALLS (Eloy Pacheco)
Grace Brethren Church (148)
1736 E. Bailey Rd., Zip 44221 (Tel. 216-923-8203)
Mrs. Eugene Stedman, 3067 Endicott Way, 44224

DANVILLE (Edward N. Wingard)
Danville Brethren Church (46)
E. Ross St. (southeast corner of Danville). Mailing address: P.O. Box 315, Zip 43014 (Tel. 614-599-7390)
Mrs. Aurice Magers, R.R. 2, Howard, Ohio 43028

DAYTON (Russell M. Ward)
Basore Road Grace Brethren Church (65)
5900 Basore Rd., Zip 45415 (Tel. 513-837-3747)
Mrs. Austin Cloud, 26 Redwood Ave., 45405

DAYTON (G. Forrest Jackson)
First Brethren Church (493)
1684 Earlham Dr. (at Philadelphia Dr.), Zip 45406 (Tel. 513-276-3981)
Miss Esther Mowery, 31 N. Orchard Ave., Zip 45417

DAYTON (C. S. Zimmerman)
The Brethren Church of Huber Heights (19)
5901 Chambersburg Rd., Zip 45424 (Tel. 513-233-7711)
(All mail to Pastor's address: 5035 Longmore Ct., 45424)
Mrs. Norma Bonham, 216 N. Main St., New Carlisle, Ohio 45344

DAYTON (Jesse B. Deloe, Jr.)
North Riverdale Brethren Church (171)
4101 N. Main St., Zip 45405 (Tel. 513-274-2187)
Mrs. Earl Strehl, 2901 Ridge Ave., Zip 45414

DEFIANCE (Maynard G. Tittle)
Grace Brethren Church of Defiance (73)
R.R. 8, Zip 43512 (1 mile south of city limits on State Rte. 66) (Tel. 419-782-6391)
Harry Sisco, 921 Lincoln Dr.

ELYRIA (Richard Placeway)
Grace Brethren Church (141)
1305 Nash Ave., Zip 44035 (Junction of Nash Ave, Rosealee Ave., and Randall Rd.) (Tel. 216-366-0755)
Mrs. Barbara Bosmeny, 284 Dowd Rd.

ENGLEWOOD (Irvin B. Miller)
Englewood Grace Brethren Church (243)
307 W. Wenger Rd., Zip 45322 (Tel. 513-836-1467)
Mrs. Louie Rike, R.R. 2, Brookville, Ohio 45309

FINDLAY (Glenn R. Coats)
Findlay Brethren Church (150)
209 Lexington Ave., Zip 45840 (Tel. 419-422-8148)
Mrs. Russell Iliff, 509 Clifton Ave., Zip 45840

FREMONT (J. Ward Tressler)
Grace Brethren Church (300)
300 S. Collinwood Blvd., Zip 43420 (2 blocks south of E. State St.) (Tel. 419-332-8672)
Miss Barbara Lee, 808 Garrison St.

GALION (Everett Niswonger)
Grace Brethren Church (53)
1055 Winchester Rd., Zip 44833 (Mailing address: P.O. Box 61) (adjacent to Renschville Schoo
(Tel. 419-468-6848)
Mrs. Wilbur Carlson, 61 W. Park D
Shelby, Ohio 44875

HOMERVILLE (Robert F. Holmes)
West Homer Brethren Church (15
R.R. 1, Zip 44235 (2 miles west Homerville on Rte. 224, and 1
miles north on County Rd. 2
(Tel. 216-625-2579)
Donna Crosby, R.R. 1, Lodi, Ohio 44254

KETTERING (Henry T. Barnhart)
Calvary Brethren Church (226)
2850 E. Dorothy Lane, Zip 4542
(south suburb of Dayton, Ohio)
(Tel. 513-293-5822)
Mrs. L. B. Ford, 265 E. Whipp R
Dayton, Ohio 45459

LEXINGTON (Terrance T. Taylor)
Lexington Grace Brethren Church (55)
40 Pembroke Blvd., Zip 44904 (T
419-884-2687)
Mrs. Eileen Kirkpatrick, 21 Ramb
side Dr., Mansfield, Ohio 44907

MANSFIELD
Grace Brethren Church (381)
531 Marion Ave., Zip 44903 (T
419-522-3941)
Mrs. James Moore, 86 S. Linden R
44906

MANSFIELD (Robert Kern)
Woodville Grace Brethren Chur
(208)
580 Woodville Rd., Zip 44907 (T
419-524-8552)
Mrs. Curtis Beidelscheis, 59 Wolf Rd., Zip 44903

MIDDLEBRANCH (Wesley Haller)
Grace Brethren Church (267)
2911 William St., N.E., Zip 446
(Tel. 216-499-6691)
Mrs. Doris Eckelberry, 500 Woodsi
St., Hartville, Ohio 44632

MINERVA (Dennis Beach)
Minerva Grace Brethren Church (37)
Bayard School, Lincoln Way, E., Zip 44657
Mrs. Charles Watts, 2541 Baird Ave., S.E., Paris, Ohio 44669

RITTMAN (Charles W. Turner)
First Brethren Church (274)
44 S. First St., Zip 44270 (Tel. 216-925-3626)
Mrs. Mary Emch, 258 Ruefner St.

SINKING SPRING (J. Paul Reno)
Grace Brethren Church (55)
One block west of State Rte. 41, Box 116, Zip 45172 (Tel. 513-588-2758)
Marilyn Scott, R.R. 4, Peebles, Ohio 45660

STERLING (Robert P. Combs)
First Brethren Church (80)
Zip 44276 (Tel. 216-939-2841)
Mrs. William Beichler, 75 Fairlawn Ave., Rittman, Ohio 44270

STOCKWOOD (Charles E. Lawson)
Grace Brethren Church (82)
12 Strader Dr., Zip 45426 (across from the old Madison High School, ¼ block off Broadway) (Tel. 513-837-6663)
Mrs. Joanne Shaw, 1 E. Worley Dr.

TROY
Grace Brethren Church (87)
527 N. Market St., Zip 45373 (Tel. 513-335-1852)
Mrs. Howard Walters

VANDALIA (Everett N. Caes)
Vandalia Grace Brethren Church (113)
810 Larry Ave., Zip 45377 (Take exit 440 East off I-75) (Tel. 513-898-6666)
Mrs. Eileen Spade, 808 DeSales St.

WEST ALEXANDRIA (Harold Combs)
Grace Brethren Community Church (106)
R.R. 3, Zip 45381 (2½ miles west of West Alexandria)
Myrna Smith, R.R. 3

WOOSTER (Kenneth B. Ashman)
First Brethren Church (454)
1897 Burbank Rd., Zip 44691 (Mailing address: Box 1) (north on State Rte. 76) (Tel. 216-264-9459)
Mrs. Donald Streit

OREGON

ALBANY (Adam H. Rager)
Grace Brethren Church (100)
Eighth and Ermine Sts., Zip 97321 (¼ mile west of Freeway 99 at the Albany exit) (Tel. 503-926-1836)
Mrs. Christina M. Dawkins, 728 East 3rd St.

BEAVERTON (Luke E. Kauffman)
Grace Brethren Church (40)
980 N.W. 180th Ave., Zip 97005 (Corner of 180th and Walker Rd.) (Tel. 503-645-2411)
David Smoot, 5235 S.W. 173rd Ave., Aloha, Oreg. 97006

PORTLAND (William H. Schaffer)
Grace Brethren Church (50)
(All mail to 4218 N.E. 131 Pl., Zip 97230) (Tel. 503-252-1329)
Mrs. Gerald Lunghofer

PENNSYLVANIA

ALEPPO
Aleppo Brethren Church (80)
P.O. Box 32, Zip 15310 (Tel. 412-685-5273)
Thelma Jones, Aleppo, Pa.

ALLENTOWN (Delmer F. Jacobe)
First Brethren Church (54)
632 N. 5th St., Zip 18102 (all church mail to parsonage) (Tel. 215-432-8913)
Miss Donna Seigfried, 718 4th St., Catasaugua, Pa. 18032

ALTOONA (Robert Russell)
First Brethren Church (126)
2932 Maple Ave., Zip 16601 (Parsonage Tel. 814-942-7642)
Ray Sell, Jr., 892 30th St.

ALTOONA (Robert G. Clinton)
Grace Brethren Church (128)
Broadway and 15th Ave. (Juniata), Zip 16601 (Tel. 814-942-8861)
Miss Kathleen Field, 1828 12th Ave., (Juniata)

CONEMAUGH (Don K. Rager)
Conemaugh Brethren Church (120)
Second and Oak Sts., Zip 15909 (Parsonage Tel. 814-539-5333)
Mrs. William Gillespie, 278 Ross Lane, Zip 15909

CONEMAUGH (Kenneth Koontz)
Pike Brethren Church (201)
R.R. 1, Box 288, Zip 15909 (on old Rte. 22, ¼ mile from the crossroad of 271 and old Rte. 22, at Mundy's Corner) (Tel. 814-746-6742)
Mona Kirkpatrick, R.R. 1

CONEMAUGH (Robert D. Crees)
Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church (180)
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The Christian Education Convention will be held August 10 and 11, and youth conference in session the entire week. WMC ladies, laymen, and ethren ministers meet each day for business and spiritual inspiration. The 68 conference broke all delegate attendance records, and was bigger and tter in every way . . . let's all join in making the 1969 conference a great e also!

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CREDENTIAL BLANKS

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Make plans now to attend!

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Plan to Enter the 1969 National Achievement Competition

QUIZZING:

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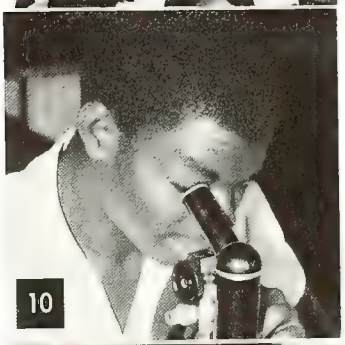
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THE FIRST AMERICAN BIBLE



In 1748, Christopher Sauer, at Germantown, Pennsylvania, published the first German edition of the Bible after it had been three

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"Happenstance!"

"We didn't have time to do much planning for this meeting, but God has overruled and blessed with a great service." We hear this type of comment too often in the cause of Christ. An unplanned meeting—some call such a "happening,"—I call it a "happenstance"—turned out well in spite of everything, so all seems well. It is good to give God the credit, but what would have been the explanation if the meeting had turned out differently?

Church planning and programming is serious business. God being One who desires that things be done "decently and in order" expects that His children shall work very diligently at it. For shame upon us if we fail to put sufficient time into plans for every phase of His work, for His work is just too important for us to do anything less than our very best.

Not nearly so much depends upon the outcome of planning in the secular world, but contrast their methods with ours. Have you ever seen a football play like this? The team is going for the point-after-touchdown when they are behind 14 to 12. Everything is set for the kick; the ball is passed to the holder. Instead of kicking, the team goes for the pass play. The receiver is in the right place in the end zone at the right time and they make two points instead of one. The score becomes 14 to 14 instead of the expected 14 to 13! Then to hear some spectator say "How lucky can you get!" That wasn't a "luck" play; it was one that the team had gone over time and time again in practice so that they would have it for just such an occasion as this.

To be successful there must be good planning. The world in its operation for profit can't afford to fail. Yet, too often, in our more important work for the eternal God we do fail from lack of planning. There are too many happenstances in the cause of Christ! And, really, there is no excuse. Just to think that we have the Holy Spirit to lead us in our planning sessions, and then to direct and bless as the plans are carried out!

God forgive us for such statements as "Maybe you're wondering why I'm leading singing tonight. Well, our songleader didn't show up and I am pinch-hitting. Don't mind if I make a 'goof' or two!" Better never said, even if that was the situation. Or, "Are there any other announcements from the floor before we proceed? Seems like I'm forgetting something. Maybe you can help me." Who is in charge? Why hadn't the pastor planned his announcements? How would such antics impress unsaved successful businessmen in the audience? And we wonder why we don't get more businessmen in our services! The classic, ever-present example is the Sunday school teacher who grabs up Bible and quarterly at 10:30 Saturday night to prepare for tomorrow's lesson. Face the facts; it's an impossibility! And to think there will be unsaved people and people with other weighty problems in that class waiting for spiritual help and guidance from that teacher! This business is too important to fool around with. No woman would wait until returning from church on Sunday morning to start roasting a chicken for dinner, or making pies for dessert! The ladies are too smart for that; they want a good meal and a good meal requires lots of planning!

Some good advice is: "Let's get with it!" This is God's work which we are doing; it is not ours. Long-range planning is an absolute *must* if we are to please Him and get results. Whether it is a series of evangelistic meetings, a homecoming service, a Sunday-school lesson, a slide production, or a youth meeting, if it's worth having, it's worth planning. And, if it is a part of the work of the Lord, it *is* worth having. Let us pray about it, plan it well, and then pray over those plans. Then, as we are faithful to carry forward the planned program, we will see God's blessing. And what joy there is in seeing fruit from our labors for Him!

Lack of prayerful planning will result in a "happenstance." And "happenstances" don't belong in the work of the Lord! ▼

A Moment with Missions

LOOKING TOWARD GERMANY

By Rev. John W. Zielasko

Does The Brethren Church have a spiritual obligation to Germany? For years this question has weighed heavily on the consciences of many in our Fellowship. Our existence as a denomination as well as the spiritual blessings enjoyed by us today have come as a result of the faith and courage of a little group of German Christians who were determined to obey the teachings of the New Testament.

When one views the beautiful and peaceful valley through which flows the Eder River in Schwarzenau, it is not difficult to imagine the anguish felt by those forced to make the decision which would separate them forever from this lovely land. But make it, they did!

The religious persecutions of the 1700's in Europe left them no choice if they were to remain true to their Lord. In 1719, and again in 1729, groups of Brethren left for America. In so doing they left behind no organized group of Christians who were like-minded. Thus, The Brethren Church is relatively unknown in Europe today. It is only right that now, 260 years later, we should go back to contribute to the spiritual welfare of Germany.

On Thursday, February 22, 1968, at the midyear meeting of the FMS board of trustees, the first candidates for Germany, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Peugh, were approved and plans laid to investigate the areas where our ministry could be most beneficial to the German people. Thus, on September 18, Brethren Herman Schumacher, Roger Peugh, and John Zielasko met Missionary Tom Julien in Luxembourg and began a tour which covered over 3,400 kilometers in Germany. These brethren visited major cities over the length and breadth of the country and had interviews with more than twenty religious leaders, including both missionary and national personnel. Everywhere they found genuine Christian hospitality and an earnest attempt to supply the information requested. Now the foreign mission board is evaluating reports and a strategy for Germany will soon be formulated.

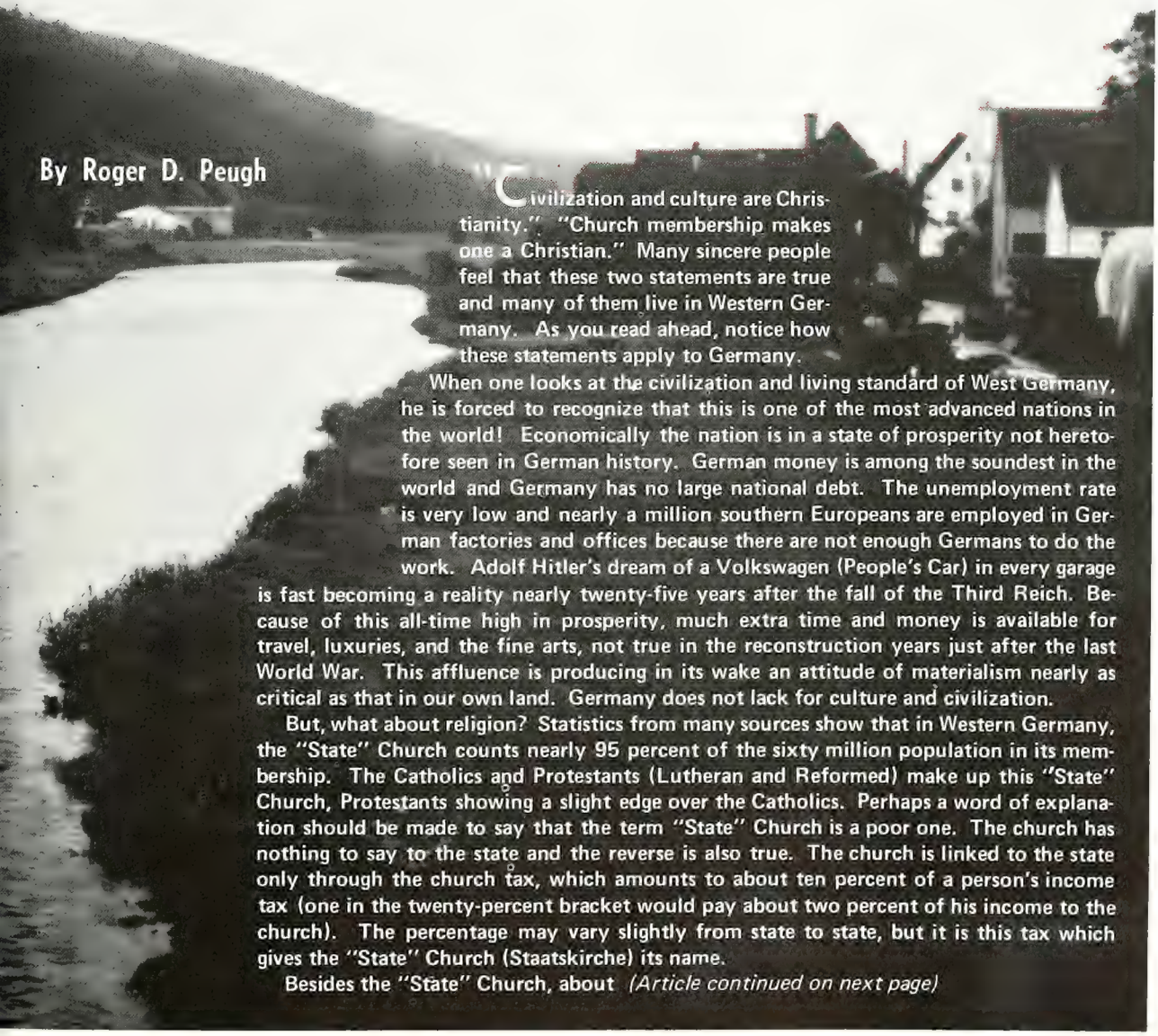
The religious persecution that originally forced the Brethren out of Germany has long since passed from the scene. However, there are obstacles that hinder the Lord's work in Europe. Some of these are dealt with in the article on Germany appearing in this issue of the *Missionary Herald*, which was written by the missionary who will represent The Brethren Church in that field. When you have read it, pray with us that the Lord will lead His servants to the right location and to the right strategy in our approach to this spiritually hungry nation. ▼

THE FIRST AMERICAN BIBLE (Cont. from page 2)

years in press. It was not until 1771-72 that the first American edition of the Bible in the English language was printed. Christopher Sauer was born at Laasphe, not far from Schwarzenau, and came from a Reformed Lutheran home. He followed the Brethren to Germantown in 1724, and there he purchased six acres of land and built a large house of two stories and an attic. The lower floor was his shop for his many activities—those of optician, apothecary, clockmaker, tailor, surgeon, botanist, cabinetmaker, wire and lead drawer, paper and type maker, ink manufacturer, manufacturer of stoves, newspaper editor, bookbinder, and printer. Sauer's house had a large upper floor with movable partitions so that the room could be used for meetings. In 1738 Sauer launched a business that became the outstanding press in colonial America. The printing press itself came from Burloburg, near Schwarzenau. The Sauer press served the German population of the entire Atlantic seaboard, and rivaled the famous press of Benjamin Franklin. It produced three editions of the Bible—1743, 1763, 1776. The Bible shown on the cover is a 1763 edition (only 2,000 of these were printed), and is the property of Grace Seminary and College. Photo by Ed Cole.

Seen in the background of this page is the Sauer press. Drawing by Ann Zielasko.

GERMANY AND THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST



By Roger D. Peugh

"Civilization and culture are Christianity." "Church membership makes one a Christian." Many sincere people feel that these two statements are true and many of them live in Western Germany. As you read ahead, notice how these statements apply to Germany.

When one looks at the civilization and living standard of West Germany, he is forced to recognize that this is one of the most advanced nations in the world! Economically the nation is in a state of prosperity not heretofore seen in German history. German money is among the soundest in the world and Germany has no large national debt. The unemployment rate is very low and nearly a million southern Europeans are employed in German factories and offices because there are not enough Germans to do the work. Adolf Hitler's dream of a Volkswagen (People's Car) in every garage is fast becoming a reality nearly twenty-five years after the fall of the Third Reich. Because of this all-time high in prosperity, much extra time and money is available for travel, luxuries, and the fine arts, not true in the reconstruction years just after the last World War. This affluence is producing in its wake an attitude of materialism nearly as critical as that in our own land. Germany does not lack for culture and civilization.

But, what about religion? Statistics from many sources show that in Western Germany, the "State" Church counts nearly 95 percent of the sixty million population in its membership. The Catholics and Protestants (Lutheran and Reformed) make up this "State" Church, Protestants showing a slight edge over the Catholics. Perhaps a word of explanation should be made to say that the term "State" Church is a poor one. The church has nothing to say to the state and the reverse is also true. The church is linked to the state only through the church tax, which amounts to about ten percent of a person's income tax (one in the twenty-percent bracket would pay about two percent of his income to the church). The percentage may vary slightly from state to state, but it is this tax which gives the "State" Church (Staatskirche) its name.

Besides the "State" Church, about *(Article continued on next page)*

one percent of the population claims membership in one of Germany's "Free" Churches (Moravians, Methodists, Baptists, Plymouth Brethren, Old Catholic, Old Reformed, Mennonite, Assembly of God, and several others). These churches do not have the link with the state through the church tax but are financially supported like churches here in the United States, and hence the term "Free" Church. The interesting but rather disappointing thing is that the national average of church attendance in Germany is little better than five percent. In some areas it falls as low as two percent. A casual observer of these figures can easily conclude that the tie which the average German feels with his church is mostly cultural. Vibrant, living, New Testament Christianity is a rather rare thing to be seen in Germany.

There are some good reasons for this poor involvement in the church. One already mentioned is the great affluence of the society, producing an attitude of materialism. Little explanation needs to be added here, for the U.S. is in the same dilemma, only deeper. Another reason for the disinterest in the church is that it generally has no living message to give to the people. Theologians of the last century such as Graf, Wellhausen, Noth, and others, began calling into question many parts of God's Word. They said that it was not God's revelation to man, but man's record of what he imagined God to be, if there was a God. The Bible no longer could be trusted as being historical, they said, but was merely a collection of interesting myths to illustrate a moral point. These higher critics erased the gains of Martin Luther and the other reformers in Germany, so that today the message is dead. These comments refer primarily to the Protestant "State" Church, for several of the "Free" churches preach a message which is very much Scriptural and alive.

These observations, among others, were made by a team of Brethren men: Rev. John Zielasko, Foreign Secretary of our Foreign Missionary Society; Mr. Herman Schumacher, board member of the FMS; Rev. Thomas Julien, Missionary in France; and Rev. Roger Peugh. These four men made a trip of investigation through Germany this past September, traveling nearly two thousand miles in ten days, speaking to leaders inside and outside the "State" Church, including both Germans and American missionaries working there. This investigation was made prior to the entrance of The Brethren Church into Germany as a mission field, for it was felt very unwise to attempt any new task without first assessing the need, seeing what was already being done to meet that need, and hoping to determine a possible method and location for beginning a new testimony there.

The need has already been mentioned. Civilization and culture are not Christianity, and mere church membership is not that which gives eternal life. What, then, is presently being done to meet this need? It was found that there are many missions at work in Germany, more than thirty in some capacity or another. A few missions (about six or seven) have the goal of starting new churches because of the deadness of the existing church. Due to the above mentioned cultural tie with the "State" Church, the growth of such works has been *very* slow. Germans just do not seem to want to identify with a new church when they have had the attachment with the "State" Church for so long. It is a situation similar to that of born-again believers in the U.S. who grew up in a church which has now become liberal. Many of these were "Sunday-morning-liberals" and "Sunday-night-fundamentalists" for years before they broke with the liberal church. All of their relatives are members of the liberal church, and their parents may have donated the church organ, or something similar. This cultural tie bound them there, even though they knew full well that the message was dead. This problem is not unique to Germany!

"Vibrant, living, New Testament Christianity is a rare thing."

Most of the remainder of the missions in Germany are in service ministries to the existing churches. Some seek to direct converts only into fundamental "Free" churches, while others make little distinction between liberal and fundamentalist churches, as long as they get converts. No matter who was approached by the team, the opinion was unified that there is much yet to be done, in spite of the work presently going on there.

Lest you think that all is gloom and that The Brethren Church is foolish for seeking to enter such a difficult field, it must be said that there are some great positive factors for work there. The biggest positive element is that many Germans have a hunger for God's Word, preached in an authoritative manner. In some other European countries, also supposedly "Christian," this is not true. In Germany large crowds have been gathered for evangelism where popular entertainers have barely drawn a handful. Missionaries told the team about Bible classes which have seen great success in some places.

Although this investigation trip yielded much very helpful information, the place for beginning a Brethren testimony has not yet been finally decided. A number of areas were suggested by those interviewed, but the final decision will probably be made after further investigation while the first missionary couple is in language study. Presently there is one couple under appointment with the FMS to Germany, Rev. and Mrs. Roger Peugh. This fall they have been helping in missionary conferences in the East, and next spring they plan to be on the West Coast, presenting the challenge of this new work. They hope to arrive in Germany in June of 1969 to pursue language study.

Please pray earnestly as The Brethren Church returns to the land of its origin. Pray that God will overcome the barriers which exist and that people will be saved and grow in their Christian lives, winning others to Him. It was a humble beginning back in 1708 in Schwarzenau, and it may seem like a very humble thing in 1969, but our God has chosen the weak things of this world to confound the wise. As you pray, claim the great promises of God's Word, and expect to hear of answered prayer in the days to come. ▼

THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

CHRISTMAS IN HAWAII

"For God so loved the world, that he gave
His only begotten Son . . ."

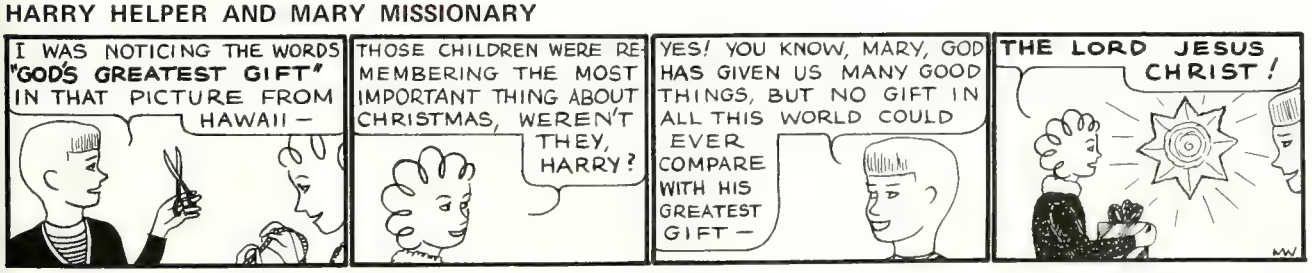


The children of the Waimalu Grace Brethren Church in Hawaii always put on a Christmas program, and many of their relatives and friends come to see this special program. This picture shows some of the boys and girls taking part in the Christmas program at Waimalu last year. A large crowd of 270 people were present for the program, which was held in a local school.

The two Brethren groups in Hawaii still do not have churches of their own. Please keep praying that the folks at Waipio, as well as those here at Waimalu, may have church buildings of their own.

Rev. Edmund Leech of the Waimalu work took this picture.

HARRY HELPER AND MARY MISSIONARY



THE BLACKSMITH OF AGUA BOA -AND HIS FRIENDS

BY BILL BURK

A Friar's Promise—

Sebastian and Joaquina had a new baby to "baptize" every year, come February. For the morally-upright and respected blacksmith, this once-a-year visit to his church was all that was necessary, although he did desire to read the Holy Scriptures for himself. For three consecutive years at the baptism of his newest child, he asked the Italian friar for a Bible; always he was promised that one would be available by the time of his next visit—but the promise never materialized.

Throughout his corner of Brazil's jungle, Senhor Sebastian is recognized as the finest of gunsmiths, his speciality being the muzzle-loading shotguns, and he hand-produces the most beautiful and highly-polished hardwood gunstocks manufactured in any of the local shops. In addition, he owns an average-size family farm producing corn, beans, rice, manioc and jute, the last being the "money" crop. Progressive by nature, he also owns a couple of dugout canoes which boatless neighbors borrow to paddle down Fish River a few hours' journey to the South Atlantic Ocean. The boats are "rented" for a certain percentage of the catch, thus providing fish to go along with the beans and rice at meal time.

Gospel Meetings at the Witch Doctor's House—

More than three years ago Senhor Sebastian began hearing some talk about an American who was holding meetings and selling Bibles in various farm homes of the area. When invited to attend one of the meetings at the home of Senhor Pordencio of the next farm (the missionary at that time had no idea that the lady of the house was a witch doctor!), the blacksmith brought his family to the Sunday afternoon meeting, bringing also ample cash to purchase a large-print New Testament. (Once, during such a meeting at this home, a little girl came to the door with her sick brother's shirt in her hand, interrupted the meeting, and told the doctor that "Mother sent this shirt for you to bless!" Sr. Pordencio, greatly embarrassed, immediately sent the child home, adding, "There is no one here who understands these things.")

Sebastian began immediately to read his New Testament. The meetings became of outstanding importance in his weekly schedule, and he soon refused to receive customers or to do any work in his shop on Sundays. Since his own farm was more central for the families attending, the meetings were transferred to the gunshop. A couple dozen shotguns hang on one wall, various cattle brands are burned into the door, and his work bench is right in the middle of it all—and yet the shop still offers cramped shelter from the tropical sun and rain for the ten-or-so families of believers who attend the meetings three times a week. (The missionary jeeps the ten miles from Quatipuru for the Sunday afternoon and Tuesday night meetings, and Sebastian himself now teaches a Sunday morning Bible study.)

Baptisms and communion are held four times a year, and with the exception of two of the wives, the entire families of the congregation at Agua Boa ("Good Water") are believers. Christian young people marry other believers within the congregation in what are probably among the most beautiful and holy ceremonies this jungle has ever seen.

World's Oldest Bible School—

To readers of the *Missionary Herald,* it should be interesting to note how this has come about. The reasons are many, among them the following: (1) From the beginning of this work, the missionary (as Saint Paul himself) has "determined not to know any thing among you, except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." This means that there is no free food or clothing from the



Alliance for Progress, no fancy music or other "attractions"; just the simple teaching of the Word as in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah when "they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading." (2) This systematic Bible teaching is directly coupled to a conscious realization on the part of the teacher that he who deals with the Word of God, deals with the miraculous. Thus, we actually expect God himself to give growth to the seed planted. (3) As in the case of Sr. Sebastian, many were already hungry for the Word, and, therefore, (4) they were ready to obey its exhortations. And (5) one of the most important and practical exhortations ever given to parents anywhere has been understood and adopted in most of the homes. In Deuteronomy 6 God instructs parents to teach the statutes of the Lord to their children daily, morning and night, when seated in the house and when walking along the road. It even says to hang Bible verses on the wall for ready memorization—and this they also obey.

It is the conviction of this writer that these things are not peculiar to a jungle people, for the promises of this chapter were given thousands of years ago to all children of God who desired that He should fill their homes full of all good things—including Christian daughters-in-law! Here, then, is the world's oldest Bible school: the old-fashioned *family altar,* every day. Evidently, Mother and Dad are expected to read and teach the Word to their own children, rather than to leave it up to the Sunday-school teacher for an hour a week! This, at least, has been the case at Agua Boa—and with very pleasing results. ▼

DRESSINGS, PILLS AND SHOTS (1918-1968)

BY DR. FLOYD TABER

(FMS editor's note: In the Nov. 2 issue of the Missionary Herald *the main theme of the foreign missions section was a commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Brethren Africa mission. Reference was made to an additional article to be carried in a later issue; this is that article.)*

A streetcar motorman, a lady doctor, and two nurses. Not a preacher in the party. Was ever a mission so overloaded with medical workers . . .

. . . And what of the fruit after fifty years?

Self-governing, self-supporting, self-propagating churches in which African pastors shepherd 70,000 members, organized into district conferences and a general conference with committees and boards that oversee the different branches of the work of the denomination.

Can the medical work claim to have brought all this about? Of course not. But the medical *workers* have had a part in bringing this about, and this is something which only the Lord can evaluate.

For the medical workers have never thought of the medical work as an end in itself, but as a *by-product* and a *means.*

A *by-product* of the Gospel. The Gospel produces compassion, and medical work is one of the best ways of showing compassion.

A *means* of propagating the Gospel. When the heathen see compassion in action, it helps them to believe in the love of God. And manifesting the glory of Christ is the primary purpose of every Christian black or white, yellow or brown. So medical work gives an ideal outlet for the newborn compassion in the heart of the believer.

This is true of the individual African medical worker, and also of the African church as a whole; for the General Conference of Brethren Churches governs the medical work by setting up a board for that purpose. And the African churches are right now discussing the question of whether it is a function of the church to run a medical work. It is always healthy for a mission or a church to discuss this question, for it makes people think about the real purpose of a Christian medical work and prevents its being done mechanically. To do mechanically perfect medicine is no function of a Christian organization—but to do mechanically perfect medicine *with compassion* is one of the highest functions.

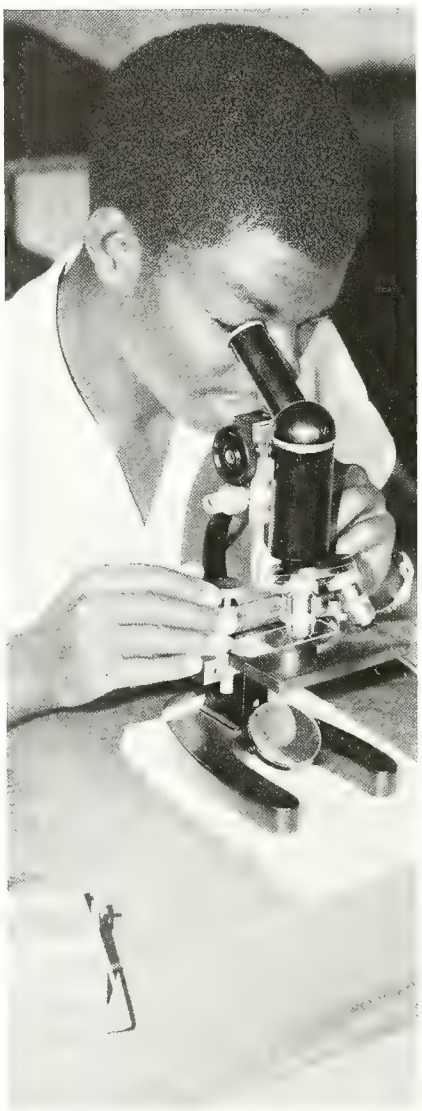
Do you want proof that our African medical workers do their work from compassion? They refused a raise in salary that was voted by the government because they realized that the people of the bush would not be able to pay for medical care at the increased rate.

And do you want to know how the Board of Directors faces its problems? Read the open letter addressed by the president of the board to Brother Zielasko.

What a thrill for the pioneer missionaries to see the results after fifty years! Their ministry was limited to bedside nursing of one patient at a time, with their own hands. Now the main job of the missionary is to train 79 medical assistants, of whom seventeen are medical evangelists, each one capable of running a dispensary and giving the Gospel to the surrounding population. And there is an African Board of Directors capable of evaluating the personnel needs of the work and of taking the initiative of sending an appeal to the churches in the homeland.

"What hath God wrought?"

"He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." ▼



One of the fruits of the medical work: Noe Marandet, who is now in the U.S. in a pre-med course at Taylor University.

LETTER FROM AFRICA

An open letter to Rev. John Zielasko, Foreign Secretary, from Rev. Thomas Bogangue, President of the Board of Directors of the medical work of the Brethren Churches of Central Africa:

Boguila, October 24, 1968

Dear Brother Zielasko,

In the name of the entire Board of Directors, I am very happy to send you this letter.

You already know these things well. There is a hospital, but there is a great need for doctors to work in it.

Dr. H. Mason has gone on furlough. Dr. A. Robbins has gone also. Dr. F. Taber has returned; that is a great reason for thanksgiving. And we hear that there is another one who wants to come. That gives us great joy. But that is not enough. We are very anxious to receive something like four doctors who are apt to teach, and also some nurses who can teach. That way when the time comes for them to leave, the work will not fall down. For by that time they will have trained personnel well capable of caring for the work.

It is also necessary to find surgeons; perhaps three, so that when one goes, the others will remain to do the work, so that the work will continue to function well.

The affair of teaching classes is very important.

This is what we ask at your hands. We hope you will put your strength into it to send out word so that the affair of this letter will spread among all the churches in America, and they may be able to help us in this matter. If God calls them out for His work, we board members will be most happy to have them among us.

With the passing days, new needs will arise; and God knows all about it, so He is continually calling workers.

Yes, truly, in the heart of the board members we want this work to continue to expand, and not to fall.

We thank Dr. Taber very much, because he is like the key that has opened the door. He is the one who came among us with the work of medicine. We see that he puts his strength into it much, and his heart does not faint, following this way until he has become an old man in it. If he is upheld by others, it will give him strength and the work will go well. So we ask that others may follow his example, and to come and help us with all their strength.

Our greetings to all the brethren in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

(Signed) Thomas Bogangue, President of the Board
Timothee Ngaba, President of the Medical Committee

You ... and Christian Literature

By Robert Walker

Popular topic of conversation in evangelical Christian circles today is Christian literature. This is good and proper. But talking is not enough.

I'd like to ask, "What are you *doing* about it?"

So vast is the subject of Christian literature and so vital has it become that it affects all walks of life. Pastor, missionary, Christian worker, layman—no matter who we are, we are all involved. In missionary circles, it is providing fresh incentive for the thrust of the Gospel in our day. In desperate haste, mission boards are setting up literature committees, launching literature studies.

On the field, low cost, popularly slanted magazines are being started by the missionaries to reach the man on the street. On their pages, the Gospel is plainly presented, along with practical suggestions on health, baby care, and brightly written news and feature material.

At home, farsighted churches and church organizations are picking up the torch. Some are writing missionary literature into their budgets. Others are seeing that the potential of Christian literature is presented in their missionary conferences and conventions.

A few Christian colleges and Bible institutes and seminaries are recognizing the need for providing courses on subjects relating to Christian literature. Although their number is still small, more are seeing the need each year.

One well-known college has set up a major in Christian literature. It has been my privilege to teach Christian journalism the past five years in a concentrated missionary literature program during the summer term at Moody Bible Institute. Several Bible institutes are seriously considering opening classes on various phases of Christian journalism.

The Christian literature snowball process started several years ago on the mission field where missionaries suddenly discovered that a rising tide of nationalism was curtailing their activities.

Previously, they had found that natives were willing to put up with their poor efforts at the language or read hastily translated English books on the Gospel, in order to hear what the foreigner had to say. Now they had discovered that the proud national wants to read or hear his language in the true idiom of his own people. He is no longer interested in the white man's culture; he wants his own. Moreover, in some areas the missionaries' ability to travel the areas where the Gospel had not been preached is limited by government restrictions. Here, literature often proves to be the only means by which the message of Christ can be proclaimed.

At the same time, Christians at home have come to the staggering realization of the peril of obnoxious literature in their homes and churches. Suddenly engulfed by the miasma of smutty, obscene and objectional literature that floods the newsstands, bookstores and mails, some have struck out blindly. Still others, with the help of churches and civic organizations, have seen fruit for their labors.

In a few cities, vigilant committees have been able to stem the tide. But often for every newsstand that is cleaned up or pornographic publisher put out of business, a dozen spring up in other places.

Meanwhile, in some homes and churches, determined efforts have been made to replace objectional literature with Christian books and magazines.

All of this is encouraging. But all too often, the individual Christian hides behind the cloud of dust stirred up by such activity. A few Christian leaders here and there have been roused into action. But the subject is so vast that to successfully employ the tremendous potential of Christian literature today complete mobilization of the church of Jesus Christ must be accomplished.

This means that each individual Christian has a responsibility. Here is what you can do about it.

First, begin at home and with the

Word of God.

See to it that you have regular daily personal devotions centered on the Word of God with the use of other Christian literature.

Subscribe to one or more Christian magazines for yourself and your family. Begin a regular program of building a Christian library for yourself and your family.

Second, see that your church has a program to advance the cause of Christian literature.

This means a well-staffed and supplied Christian library. It also means emphases on Christian reading from the pulpit and in the Sunday school. Here again, the balanced program includes Christian magazines and the basic old-time Christian books as well as current late titles.

Third, see that the newspapers serving your community carry news and feature articles on the activities of the evangelical churches—others as well as your own. This means the appointment of a publicity chairman in your church who knows how to write and understands how to prepare material for the press. If other churches do not have qualified persons, you or someone else who has real vision for this ministry can soon make yourself so invaluable to the local newspaper that you may find yourself the religious correspondent or religious editor for the paper. If you have the desire but not the knowledge or experience for such a task, you will find books available in the library on journalism. Also, at least one correspondence course in Christian journalism is available. (The Christian Writers Institute, 33 South Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois.)

Fourth, become informed yourself on the wider aspects and opportunities of Christian literature, particularly on the mission field. Your own mission board as well as Evangelical Literature Overseas, Wheaton, Illinois, a nonprofit agency serving all mission boards will be glad to provide you with helpful background material. As you read about this exciting new development, you will be led of the Lord to pray and contribute to Christian evangelism and thus have a definite part in its spread.

Fifth, use all the means of mass communications open to you to present the cause of Christian literature. This means writing letters to your local newspaper editor when you see the Gospel abused. Do not write carping critical letters but friendly constructive ones point out that the Bible and Christian literature, presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the cure to the troubles of men and nations.

Write letters to magazine editors also when you see articles that challenge your thinking.

Above all, compliment editors when material appearing in their newspapers and magazines is helpful to the spread of the Gospel. You will be amazed at the fruit from this seemingly insignificant exercise.

Radio station managers, motion picture operators and managers as well are susceptible to the voice of the public.

You are the public. Too long, Christians who make up this public have remained silent and allowed Satan to dominate this mass media techniques, which, in turn, so mightily influence the mind of the public.

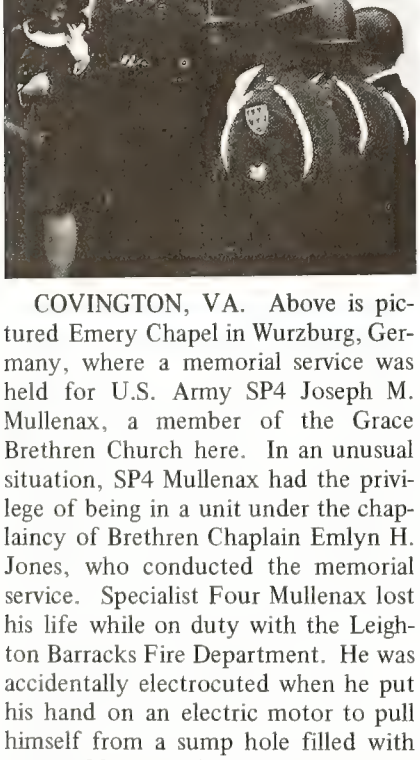
Christian literature is nothing more nor less than communication. As Christians, we are called upon by the Holy Spirit to be "ready always to give an answer for the hope that is in us." This means that we must not only speak up as individuals in testimony to what God has done for us. It means also that we must use the mass media available to us by which our testimony for Christ is multiplied by the hundreds and thousands and millions.

These are the reasons why Christian literature today is so significant a subject. These are the reasons also why you and I must participate—not only in talking about it but in doing something about it. Let us do it now. ▼

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Church News



COVINGTON, VA. Above is pictured Emery Chapel in Wurzburg, Germany, where a memorial service was held for U.S. Army SP4 Joseph M. Mullenax, a member of the Grace Brethren Church here. In an unusual situation, SP4 Mullenax had the privilege of being in a unit under the chaplaincy of Brethren Chaplain Emlyn H. Jones, who conducted the memorial service. Specialist Four Mullenax lost his life while on duty with the Leighton Barracks Fire Department. He was accidentally electrocuted when he put his hand on an electric motor to pull himself from a sump hole filled with water. Mrs. Brenda Lee Mullenax was in attendance at the memorial service. Carl Miller, pastor. (U.S. Army photo.)

STRATFORD, N.J. Rev. Daniel Eshleman, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of South Jersey, announces the arrival of 7 pound, 5 ounce Christy Sue to the family.

OSCEOLA, IND. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Juday and family left the U.S. on Nov. 12, en route to the Central African Republic for their first term of missionary service. The Judays will reside at the Bible Center station, B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic, and Mr. Juday will be teaching the junior-high age missionary children.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The *Brethren Missionary Herald* congratulates Pastor A. Harold Arrington and the Calvary Brethren Church for their decision to send the *Herald* into every home represented in the church. Ninety-eight new subscriptions were recently received from the church.

OROVILLE, CALIF. Through the interest of Mrs. Elice B. Neher in a contact with Rev. Charles Martin of the Sacramento Grace Brethren Church, a Brethren work has been started in the mountains near Oroville. Mrs. Neher had attended the Sacramento church several times on trips to nurse in that area. When interest was shown to have a local church nearby in the mountains, she contacted Rev. Charles Martin about starting one. Through the work of the Northern District Mission Board, Rev. William L. Shelby, pastor of the Chico Grace Brethren Church is caring for the services. The Yankee Hill Grace Brethren Mission meets in the Grange Hall, Sunday evening at 5:00. There were 25 people assembled for the first worship service.

RICHLAND, WASH. The Grace Brethren Church moved to a new meeting place in November. There are about 12 young people in the high school department who are pleading for some young couple to lead them in their youth meetings. Who will answer the call? There are all types of work available in this area to allow a self-support basis. Any further information may be obtained from Pastor Nelson E. Hall, 1609 Jadwin Ave., Richland, Wash. 99352.

BUENA VISTA, VA. God gave us wonderful meetings with Rev. Jerry Falwell of Lynchburg, Va., from Oct. 27-Nov. 3. Attendance was very good with an average of 400, and a closing-night attendance of 468. There were 28 first-time decisions, and 48 others made rededications of life. Charles G. Thornton, pastor.

SPOKANE, WASH. The Opportunity Grace Brethren Church has launched a Literature-Evangelism Program which will reach over 2,000 homes with the gospel message. Three brochures, in which is enclosed either Rev. Dean Risser's tract "Have You Heard About God's Gift?" or Campus Crusade's "Four Spiritual Laws," are being used. Twenty-five people are involved in the door-to-door ministry with a personal contact in each home through a personal greeting and presentation of the gospel literature. There will be a series of these brochures distributed at intervals during the next few months. Don Farner, Jr., pastor.

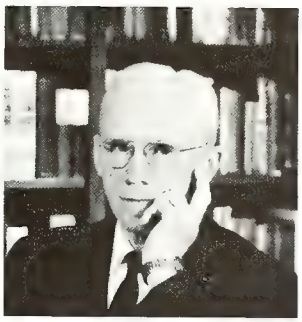
JOHNSTOWN, PA. On Sept. 13, the plaster on the ceiling in the rear of the main auditorium of the First Brethren Church fell without any apparent provocation. We have thanked the Lord often that it did not happen when we were holding a service. Many injuries and fatalities could have resulted. A new ceiling has been installed and services will be held soon in the auditorium. Daniel Grabill, pastor.

January Bible Reading Calendar

We trust that the Bible reading calendars have been helpful to you during the year of 1968, and that many of our readers have used them in systematically reading through the Bible in a year. If they have been a blessing to you, or perhaps you plan to start using them in 1969, let us know at the *Missionary Herald*.

JANUARY		
DATE	MORNING	EVENING
1	GENESIS 1, 2	MATTHEW 1
2	GENESIS 3, 4, 5	MATTHEW 2
3	GENESIS 6, 7, 8	MATTHEW 3
4	GEN. 9, 10, 11	MATTHEW 4
5	GEN. 12, 13, 14	MATT. 5:1-26
6	GEN. 15, 16, 17	MATT. 5:27-48
7	GEN. 18, 19	MATTHEW 6
8	GEN. 20, 21, 22	MATTHEW 7
9	GENESIS 23, 24	MATTHEW 8
10	GENESIS 25, 26	MATT. 9:1-17
11	GENESIS 27, 28	MATT. 9:18-38
12	GENESIS 29, 30	MATT. 10:1-23
13	GENESIS 31, 32	MATT. 10:24-42
14	GEN. 33, 34, 35	MATTHEW 11
15	GENESIS 36, 37	MATT. 12:1-21
16	GEN 38, 39, 40	MATT. 12:22-50
17	GENESIS 41	MATT. 13:1-32
18	GENESIS 42, 43	MATT. 13:33-58
19	GENESIS 44, 45	MATT. 14:1-21
20	GEN. 46, 47, 48	MATT. 14:22-36
21	GENESIS 49, 50	MATT. 15:1-20
22	EXODUS 1, 2, 3	MATT. 15:21-39
23	EXODUS 4, 5, 6	MATTHEW 16
24	EXODUS 7, 8	MATTHEW 17
25	EXODUS 9, 10	MATT. 18:1-20
26	EXODUS 11, 12	MATT. 18:21-35
27	EXOD. 13, 14, 15	MATT. 19:1-15
28	EXOD. 16, 17, 18	MATT. 19:16-30
29	EXOD. 19, 20, 21	MATT. 20:1-16
30	EXOD. 22, 23, 24	MATT. 20:17-34
31	EXODUS 25, 26	MATT. 21:1-22

Dr. Alva J. McClain With the Lord



Dr. Alva J. McClain, founder and president emeritus of Grace Theological Seminary and College, was taken to be with his Lord on Nov. 11, 1968, after a prolonged illness. Dr. McClain was 80 years of age. He and Mrs. McClain had been residing at Friendship Village Retirement Home in Waterloo, Iowa, at the time of his death.

Dr. McClain was born in Aurelia, Iowa, on April 11, 1888. His faithful and long service to the Lord began with his conversion to Christ under the ministry of Dr. Louis S. Bauman.

In 1937 Dr. McClain, along with Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, the current president of Grace Schools, founded Grace Theological Seminary in Akron, Ohio, with 39 students. Moving to Winona Lake in 1939, Dr. McClain guided the founding of Grace College in 1948 and served as president of both schools until his retirement in 1962.

He was the theological voice of The Brethren Church, being instrumental in its successful struggle in "defense of the faith." The document known as "The Message of the Brethren Ministry" was largely the work of Dr. McClain and sets forth the fundamentals of the Christian faith as understood by the Brethren. His book *The Greatness of the Kingdom* is regarded as the most definitive work on the subject today.

In a memorial service on Nov. 14, Dr. Orville D. Jobson, who went to the mission field under Dr. McClain's ministry, delivered the sermon. Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., presided over the service, and tributes to Dr. McClain were presented by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dr. Kenneth Ashman, Dr. Russell Barnard, Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, and Dr. Paul R. Bauman.

The final resting place of Dr. McClain is the Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw, Ind.

Coming in the Dec. 28 issue of the *Missionary Herald* will be several pages of tribute covering the life and ministry of Dr. McClain, including excerpts from the memorial service.

WASHINGTON, PA. Dr. William A. Mierop of Woodbury, N.J., conducted a four-day Bible conference, Nov. 10-13, on the subject of "How to Get Along With Each Other." All the messages were based on an exposition of the book of Philemon. Also, Dr. Harold H. Etling and Rev. Merton Lambert conducted a Sunday-school convention on Nov. 15-17. The church has voted to proceed with the structural drawings for the expansion of our present facilities. The proposed expansion will be 74' by 32' with two floors. The Brethren Architectural Department is doing the drawings. Shimer E. Darr, pastor.

AKRON, OHIO. Rev. Vernon J. Harris presented his resignation to the Fairlawn Brethren Church on Sept. 29, to be effective 90 days from then.

NOTICE

A special tribute to Dr. McClain appeared on the editorial page in the March 23, 1968 *Brethren Missionary Herald.* **See page three for the article entitled "My Teacher."**

PHILADELPHIA, PA. The First Brethren Church voted to have the Brethren Architectural Service proceed with the detailed plans for the two-level educational unit to be built on the end of the present building. The goal is to have the plans ready to call for bids late in January. To date, there is $11,473 in the building fund. Robert Griffith, pastor.

CHANGE: Rev. Russell H. Weber has accepted the call of the Clearbrook Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., to become pastor. He began his duties Nov. 17, after serving as supply pastor for several months. The address of the church is R.R. 8, Box 391, Roanoke, Va. 24014. The church secretary is Mrs. Larry Simmons, R.R. 1, Box 177A, Hardy, Va. 24014. Rev. Weber's address is correct as printed in the *Annual,* but readers may wish to add his phone number which is area 703, 483-7313. The address of the St. Petersburg, Fla., church was listed incorrectly in the Nov. 16 *Missionary Herald*. The correct address is 5855 54th Ave., North. You may wish to record this in your new *Annual.*



WINONA LAKE, IND. The *Herald* news is belatedly presenting a citation for a Bronze Star Medal presented to Brethren Chaplain Emlyn H. Jones, pictured above. The award was presented to Captain Jones "For distinguishing himself by outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period March 2, 1967 to December 27, 1967." Emphasis was placed on his ability to face and solve the constantly changing problems of such an operation, and the application of his extensive knowledge which "materially contributed to the efforts of the United States mission to the Republic of Vietnam to assist that country in ridding itself of the communist threat to its freedom. His initiative, sound judgment and devotion to duty have been in the highest tradition of the United States Army and reflect great credit on him and on the military service."

NOTICE. The November 30 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* was the *Brethren Annual* issue. Pastors and church secretaries needing additional copies may request them from the Herald Co. They will be sent at no cost.

WOOSTER, OHIO. The First Brethren Church recently completed a very fruitful revival-evangelistic service with Scott Weaver. The highest attendances for a revival campaign in the history of the church were recorded, and there were 40 decisions for Christ, including 12 for salvation, 25 for rededication and membership, and 3 for full-time Christian service. An offering of $592 was presented to the Board of Evangelism from the week of services. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

MARGATE, FLA. Rev. Ed Lewis, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, recently held meetings at the Christian Brethren Church of Okeechobee, Fla., in which there were 54 decisions for the Lord.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH. On Oct. 17, the Grace Brethren Church, which is 78 years old, held its first laymen's meeting with ten men present. For the evening service on Oct. 20, Mr. and Mrs. George Farmer of the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio, presented their puppet show for 130 members and visitors. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

GRACE COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DECEMBER

28–Jan. 6–Southern Trip
Georgia Southwestern, Berry College, Valdosta State Tourney.

JANUARY

7–Ft. Wayne Bible Home
11–Goshen There
18–Tri-State Home
21–Concordia Home
25–Northern Indiana University Home

FEBRUARY

1–Tri-State There
4–Huntington Home
8–Indiana Tech There
11–Goshen Home
15–St. Francis There
18–Indiana Tech Home
22–Trinity Home
25–Bethel There

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

ADAMS, Mrs. Laura, a charter member of the First Brethren Church of Compton, Calif., passed away on Oct. 15. Edwin E. Cashman, pastor.

BEERY, Mrs. Ernest, passed into the presence of her Lord on Oct. 25. She was a member of the First Brethren Church of Sterling, Ohio, where she served faithfully in many offices of both the church and Sunday school for the past 35 years. Robert P. Combs, pastor.

BERG, Mrs. Bessie E., 86, a longtime member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., departed to be with the Lord Oct. 30. David L. Hocking, pastor.

BOYD, Mrs. Sarah Ellen, 71, a member and ardent prayer warrior of the Manheim, Pa., Grace Brethren Church, passed away Sept. 16. She was the first pianist at the Manheim church and the first member the Lord has claimed as His own. Ulysses L. Gingrich, pastor.

FORREST, Lloyd, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Meyersdale, Pa., passed away Nov. 6. For seven years he did an excellent job as church janitor. The funeral was conducted by former pastor William Snell.

JACOBSON, Bill, a member of the Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren Church since 1934 departed to be with the Lord June 4. He had been faithful to the Lord in service as a deacon, Sunday-school superintendent, Sunday-school teacher, and served on many boards and committees. David L. Hocking, pastor.

KNOWLTON, Charles, 83, a longtime faithful member of the West Tenth Street Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, died on Oct. 11. He had served in the church and in the community as a helpful friend to many. Knute Larson, pastor.

LANNING, Dale, 58, went to be with his Lord on Oct. 16, while on vacation in the eastern states. He was an active member and faithful servant of the Marion Avenue Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio. His offices in the church included, deacon, Sunday-school superintendent and teacher, and he was the first adult teacher in the Columbus work when it was just getting started.

MUTTON, Eleanor, a member of the Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren Church, died on Sept. 11. David L. Hocking, pastor.

RAYMAN, Ira R., went to be with his Lord Oct. 9. He was a member of the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church. William Snell conducted the funeral.

SONNENBURG, Anton H., 71, died Oct. 12 of a heart attack. He was serving the Opportunity Grace Brethren Church, Spokane, Wash., as vice-moderator and treasurer. He has been a member of the Brethren church for 30 years. Donald G. Farner, pastor.

SUTPHIN, Joseph F., went to be with the Lord on Oct. 9 after an extended illness. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

TOOLEY, James D., 40, died Nov. 5, on his way home from work. He was a faithful part of the Elkhart, Ind., Grace Brethren Church family. Gordon W. Bracker, pastor.

WARRICK, W. P., was called to his Lord Oct. 4. He faithfully attended all the services of the church when possible, and labored many hours in the construction of the church in its beginning. Shimer E. Darr, pastor.

WOODWARD, Mrs. Pearl, of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, died on Oct. 15. John M. Aeby, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Donna Derham and John Juday, Aug. 10, Mill Run Grace Brethren Church, Westernport, Md.

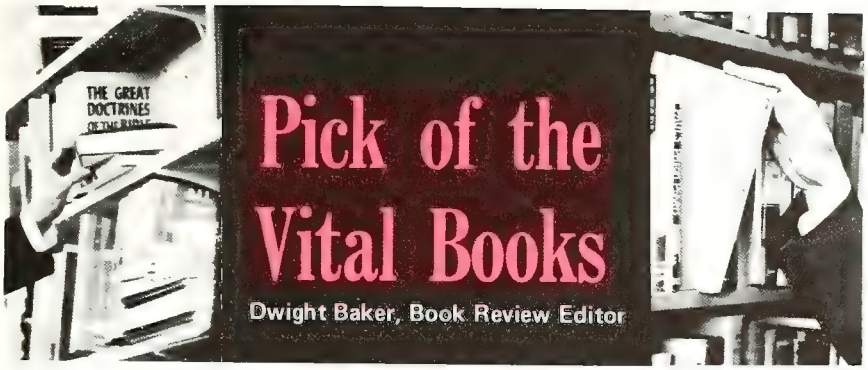
Linda Shaffer and Leonard Hofecker, Sept. 14, Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Donna Levergood and William Ives, Sept. 21, Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Joyce Lance and William Van Gorder, Oct. 19, First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio.

Donna Mowery and Edward Cupp, Oct. 26, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Vickie Dunkelberger and Richard Vose, Jr., Nov. 2, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.



Return of the Rebel

Jeanette W. Lockerbie (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1968), 150 pages, $2.95.

Garden of the Okapi

Richard Johns (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1968), 148 pages, $2.95.

Missions seem to invite the attempts of Christian novelists. Here are two of the latest.

The first, picturing the rebellion of a teen-aged daughter of missionaries, has real possibilities. Unfortunately, poor writing and a superficial treatment of the problems make the book unconvincing.

Garden of the Okapi, fast-moving and fairly well written, is a rousing adventure story about a young Congo missionary who has just lost his wife. Interwoven are his wonderings about evolution, especially in relation to the pygmies among whom he is working. *–Lois I. Baker*

The Tender Herb

Clara Bernice Miller (Scottdale, Pennsylvania: Herald Press, 1968), 271 pages, $3.50.

The first part of this novel is slow reading because Mrs. Miller uses much conversation on unimportant subjects to picture the small world in which the Amish move. It becomes very interesting as she goes on to portray the great struggle in the lives of the Amish who leave the old binding traditions.*–Eunice H. Baker*

His Bright Designs

Eileen M. Mitson (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1968), 160 pages, $2.95.

The story catches the interest at once and moves quickly. One immediately feels transported to the English countryside by the vivid descriptions. The reading is light; nevertheless, it contains a good message. The reality of Christ is seen in the daily life of a woman as she is tried and tested after the death of her minister husband. The ending is happy and heartwarming but not altogether realistic.*–Mrs. John W. Ford*

Gladness in My Heart

Grace Watkins (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1968), 151 pages, $2.95.

The problems of a Christian couple during the first year of their marriage are presented in a rambling style. *A Certain Radiance* introduced Sandy and Bruce King. *Gladness in My Heart* finds them in a time of life when it is easier to tell others to trust God completely than it is to do it.

Although this is light fiction, it is fresh and entertaining. The message of the book involves the story of salvation and living by faith.*–Mrs. Bernard Schneider*

Any of the books reviewed on this page may be ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. We pay postage.

Code Name Sebastian

James L. Johnson (Wheaton, Illinois: Tyndale House, reprint 1967), 270 pages, paper, $1.95.

Johnson in his spy story of the Middle East comes off with some realistic fiction, an achievement that is quite unusual in evangelical fiction. He does a wonderful job of showing real conflict and doubt in the mind of the central character–a preacher who has run from his pulpit. The author is a little stiff when he deals with sex, and that is about all that you can say bad about this book.

In a day that too often puts theology before ability, Johnson is a notable exception. He's doing great.*–Phil Landrum*

Reprints

Recently Zondervan Publishing House reissued eight novels in paperback. Most are aimed at the early teen audience. Though none are great literature, two of the better ones are *Hidden Valley* (Douglas C. Percy, 1951, 155 pages, $.95) and *Give Me Thy Vineyard* (Guy Howard, 1949, 287 pages, $.95). The first is a missionary story set in Congo, while the second is a tale of the Ozarks.*–Lois I. Baker*

Voice of the Morning

Alan L. Wilson (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1968), 151 pages, $2.95.

Voice of the Morning is an easy-reading novel of a South African boy, Jonah Umlungu, who believes he is born under a curse. After Jonah moves to the city, he gets into trouble with the law and is continually on the run. Christian friends are praying for him, and as he calls upon the Lord, Jonah finds that the curse seems to lift until finally he is freed from it.

Wilson has pictured well the unrest between the white and the African in South Africa, and the thinking of the African from the bush.*–Margaret Mason*

The Spirit of Christmas

By Mrs. R. I. Humberd

As we come to this time of the year, we hear people talking, or at least mentioning, "The Spirit of Christmas." However, some mean one thing and some another. We have a custom of giving a gift to someone that has given us one. Especially are birthday gifts appreciated, but what about one for Christ's birthday?

Of course we love to shop and to have nice things to give to our relatives and friends, and it seems to mean more at Christmas. If it means spending a lot on each one, I am afraid my joy would be shortened, for I have so many to buy for. But the love and the meaning behind each gift is always bigger than the gift itself.

So it is with the true meaning of Christmas that we accept it and think we understand it. But when the mighty God became a babe, it had much more meaning behind it than we can fathom.

The Babe of Bethlehem is the eternal God, the Creator and the Redeemer. All creation came into being through His power and for His pleasure (Rev. 4:11). Our redemption was purchased by His blood. It is He who said, "Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (John 17:5).

The babe in the manger was born for a king's palace. Wise men filled Jerusalem with wonder as they inquired of Him who "is born King of the Jews." Herod, believing prophecy, did a strange thing. Ordinarily, he would have called the wise men and inquired concerning their mission; but instead, he called for the scribes and demanded where their King would be born. Then calling the wise men, he sent them to Bethlehem in their quest for the little babe.

Years have passed. Centuries have come and gone and yet He tarries. We cannot realize the value of this gift yet, but "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).

S *Spirit* of God, help us to tell
This story of the Babe, we love so well.

P *Prepare* our hearts, our lives, our minds
Until the gift of peace we find.

I *Instruct* us in the way we should go
And help us your love to show.

R *Rejoicing* then we will not only give,
But with thankful hearts we can live

I *Instructing* those who do not yet believe
So they too, Your Son will receive,

T *Teaching* them the true Christian spirit
And then all together we can share it.

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C *Christmas* comes but once a year
But we can send gifts far or near,

H *Helping* to give the good news around the world
While Satan's darts at us are hurled.

R *Reaching* out to help those, who are in need,
And being faithful in scattering the seed.

I *Inspiring* those who are anxious to know,
Where their time, talents and money should go.

S *Sending* gifts is such a pleasure,
Especially those that increase our treasure.

T *Trusting* in the Lord to direct and guide,
Then in His love we can safely abide.

M *Making* our money and talents to reach,
The many we are not able to teach.

A *Assurance* in the work we can do,
And that the Lord said "I will be with you."

S *Serving* the Lord with all our heart,
So if you never have, you better start.

On behalf of your national WMC officers, may Christmas bring its blessing of Peace and Hope to you and yours.

"... Where Jesus Walked"

By Mrs. Leo Polman



We were much impressed with the guides that were provided and the information that they gave us on our recent trip to Bible Lands. Zachariah, our Arab guide in Old Jerusalem, talked like a Christian, quoted Scripture both Old and New Testament perfectly, but he was a Moslem. It reminded me of some people who live without reproach but are not real children of God, not having been born into the family of God. Nevertheless, Zachariah enjoyed the singing and services which were held at different spots where we stopped in Jerusalem. Pray with us for him—he promised to read the tract, "Have You Heard About God's Gift?" given to him. In fact, every guide, bus driver, airline pilot or stewardess and steward, waiter and waitress was given one. Our prayers follow them.

After we left Jerusalem our Jewish guide was Alan. He told us so many interesting facts concerning the Bible lands. He was born in India and educated in a mission school but still clung to the Jewish faith. This reminds us how important it is that every child that comes under our teaching is given the opportunity to know how to accept Christ as Saviour. Alan lived in a kibbutz. Immigrants from all over the world come to Israel and live in these settlements. There are 997 kibbutzim in Israel.

We were privileged to visit an Orthodox Jewish kibbutz, called "Lavi," which means "Young Lion." Our guide here had a beard and wore the little black skull cap of the Orthodox Jew. Three hundred immigrants in 17 years actually made a bit of the desert (4,000 acres) to blossom as a rose.

The government gives the land and machinery to get a group started in a community. It took 3 years to get the rocks picked up before any building or planting could be done. All the while they lived in little shanties. Now nice homes are there. Gardens, orchards, lovely citrus groves, cattle, cotton and sunflower seeds are a few specialities of this kibbutz. In this kibbutz the families live together (not usually so). Forty-three families, many unmarried young people live in dormitories.

The special project of the kibbutz is building synagogues. They first built their own, and as other kibbutzim requested synagogues, they built theirs. They have now finished forty. Some are fishermen, farmers, carpenters, cattle raisers, citrus growers, and so forth.

Any male over thirteen can conduct a service in the synagogue. The rabbi performs only at hatches (births), matches (marriages), and dispatches (deaths)—a quote by the guide.

The kibbutz is ruled by general assembly, and a chairman is appointed every three months. Quote—"Each man gives the best of his abilities, receives all his needs supplied."

Young people learn responsibility and learn to work early in life.

The kibbutz pays back to the government for land and equipment from the fruits of the land.

Israel is now a secular state. They have festivals and offerings, but no sacrifice now. Pray for Israel.

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This 1968-69 "birthday missionary" says that the only thing in her life which seems important at all is . . .

What the Lord Has Done

By Mrs. Harold Dunning

One of the very fortunate ones who cannot remember the time she was born again, any more than she can remember her first birth, is Marguerite Gribble Dunning. She knows that she is physically and spiritually alive only by the evidences of life, and she knows what family she belongs to because of her birth certificate. She has a birth certificate, too, with God's name on it as her Father: John 1:12, 20:31, I John 3:1,2, and other Scriptures. This last certificate, written in her heart as well as on paper, is the most important credential she has; it is the only one that matters eternally.

For eight or nine years in her young life Marguerite went through a period of great spiritual insecurity. She was proud to be the daughter of James and Florence Gribble, born in Chicago on their furlough from Africa, and nothing pleased her more than to be told that she resembled her father. She heard this often from many people who were kindly interested in the little missionary girl who had been left at the age of six in the home of John and Hattie Weed in Sunnyside, Washington. After her father died the next year, her thoughts were often turned heavenward where she knew he was. About the same time she began to realize more and more that she was not always "the good little girl" Jesus and her daddy wanted her to be. Much as she loved Mr. and Mrs. Weed and her own mother, she could not confide this problem to them, for she felt she would be such a disappointment to them and many others if they knew she wasn't so "good" as they seemed to think she was. She tried harder, while knowing she could not make herself resemble God, her Father, any more than she could by her own doing make herself look like her father James Gribble.

On her mother's next furlough, when Marguerite was ten, she asked many questions to learn details concerning the promise her father had claimed from God on the night she was born: that if the Lord tarried she would carry the gospel story overseas, and that if He did not, she would be one of His own at His coming. She thrilled at this oft-repeated story. But what if her loving and wonderful father had been mistaken? What if he had wanted it so much that he only *thought* God had promised it? She had to make sure for herself! Some days she felt happy and knew she belonged to God, other days she was very conscious of her failures and lack of peace. There would be times when she would go forward in revival meetings, yet she knew things were the same. It is impossible to depend on God and love Him *more* than with your whole heart, and this she had always done! Other times, at her bedside she would pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, if *You* know I am Yours and You want to come tonight, it is all right. *I don't have to know,* I trust You. But please, please, don't come until I am Yours!" This childish prayer was the only thing that could give her peace to sleep, even in her high school years. (And she always slept well!)

After her high-school graduation the Lord worked it out that Marguerite went to Moody Bible Institute. There He became very precious to her as she saw His loving and tender provision for all her needs in those depression years. Yet she couldn't feel sure she belonged to Him! In Personal Evangelism class none of the cases seemed to parallel hers. One night she determined to remain on her knees until she felt the peace of God in her heart. She considered again John 3:16, and very soon she felt better. The next morning, after a good night's sleep, she wondered if she had just rationalized herself into going to bed. "The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked," so could she trust that feeling of peace she had had? So she struggled on. One day she blurted out to her dearest friend, Ruth: "I don't even know if I'm saved!" Marguerite remembers well the shocked look, and the answer: "Why, of course you're saved, if you trust Jesus the way you say you do. If you think you are not, you are saying God is a liar!" So Marguerite believed what it said on the birth certificate even if she didn't yet feel she belonged. Gradually the Lord led her to see that if her own experience and feelings seemed to disagree with His Word, the only secure side to be on was the unalterable facts of the Word of God.

She has also learned that being spiritually healthy does not mean constantly looking at herself to see how she is progressing, because one can't keep her eyes on the Lord Jesus (Heb. 12:1-2) and on herself at the same time. *He* has promised to care for *us*; (And how "saintly" the Devil lets us feel when we can claim that promise only for our temporal needs and not for our eternal ones!) God has said that He holds our lives in His hands, and our feet to the path (Psalm 66:9). Just as a physically healthy person is energetically doing things instead of always taking her pulse and checking her temperature, so will one with spiritual good health be using all her strength and every opportunity to obey the Lord's command to tell the Good News everywhere.

It was at Moody that Marguerite met Harold. He had entered school, coming from New Jersey, the same month she had. He saw her first in

LADIES

This month begins our Grace Schools and Christian Education WMC offering—let's reach our goal!

music-conducting class, maneuvered an introduction, and their first date was on her nineteenth birthday; so, she is one woman who makes a real celebration out of each birthday.

In 1937 when Dr. Gribble was in the States for the last time, Harold and Marguerite were married. Then came three years at Grace Seminary. The next year found them unexpectedly in Africa! Unexpected, because Europe was at war and ways to get to French Africa seemed closed. Three weeks before they sailed, Harold had been pastoring the Clayton, Ohio, Brethren Church with absolutely no hopes of being able to go to Africa soon.

Less than a year after the Dunnings were in Africa, their first daughter, Ruth, was born—contrary to medical opinions. But Dr. Gribble was not just a disinterested physician—she wanted to be a grandma! So she had continued praying long after Harold and Marguerite decided to accept what God withheld as well as what He gave.

The end of four years found the Dunnings bound for furlough with a daughter and a stowaway, which was later revealed to be Verna. They had left Africa with heavy hearts, for it was doubtful if they could return, for Marguerite seemed to be afflicted with TB. Again the Lord undertook. After furlough and some months in France, they went back to Africa for a second period of four years. During this time Bertamae was born.

The Dunnings spent the first term on Yaloke station and the second term opening Bossembele and M'Baiki stations. During the third term they went to the Bible Center, where they taught in the Bible Institute. When at the end of the four years they returned home, Harold was ill, recovering from hepatitus. Again it seemed doubtful that they could return; and, indeed, they



Marguerite and Harold Dunning and their daughters (L to R) Bertamae, Verna and Ruth.

stayed home for seven and a half years. Perhaps it was the Lord's way of keeping them in the States for a service to Him they had not before considered. These years were spent in several pastorates (full-time and interim), and teaching in high school and college. Fruitful and happy years! Then when Berta graduated from high school, the Lord said: "Now! I want you to make plans to return."

Harold and Marguerite would appreciate your prayers for their service in Africa, for the blessing of good health if it is His will, and for their daughters and their loved ones in the States. They left California for Africa on their thirty-first wedding anniversary, and are again teaching at the Bible Institute. ▼

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

AFRICA—

Mr. F. George Peters February 1
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Jean-Marc Waridel February 1, 1965
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. Edward Mensinger February 4
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mrs. W. Duey Voorhees February 4
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Philip Andrew Johnson February 9, 1967
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic

Rev. Edward Mensinger February 13
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic

Mr. W. Duey Voorhees February 14
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

Sherri Linn Juday February 21, 1964
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

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BRAZIL—

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Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

Gregor David Wallace February 24, 1964
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Mrs. J. Keith Altig. February 26
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Welcome to the Indiana District Rally

Fall in Indiana is a very special time. The beauty of the changing colors is truly indescribable and many ladies were privileged to view this beauty as we all went our particular way to Goshen, Indiana, for our Fall WMC Rally.

The gathering of the harvest takes place during this wondrous season. Our theme for the rally, "Victory in Witnessing" was appropriate and reminded us we should be busy gathering the fruit from God's harvest field. Mrs. Owen Sheller from Peru, Ind., our morning devotional speaker, brought to our attention that in Acts 1:8 our Lord says, "Ye *shall be* witnesses," not "I hope, I trust, or maybe ye shall be witnesses." We wouldn't think of letting the fruit from our fields rot and die without gathering it in and yet that is the attitude many of us are displaying toward God's harvest field.



Handkerchiefs presented to the missionaries present at the rally.

Rev. Jerry Young, pastor of our Indiana District Mission in Indianapolis, and our afternoon speaker was quite pleased when he was informed that during our morning business session we had voted to take as our project for the ensuing year, $550 toward the purchase of property for establishing a church in our state capitol.

Pastor Young spoke on "Paul's Marks" which he mentions in Galations 6:17. With these marks we can experience victorious Christian living. Ownership by the God of our lives is a prerequisite to the other three marks of—consistant Christian living, Christian service, and displaying the crucified life mentioned in II Corinthians 4:8-11.

Each of the seven past, present, and future missionaries who were present were given a lovely handkerchief, provided by the Kokomo, Ind. council.

We enjoyed another testimony in our series of "Know Pastors' Wives," this one given by Mrs. M. Lee Myers, pastor's wife of the Fort Wayne First Brethren Church. This series has truly helped us to know these "unsung heroines" a little better.

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the other WMC activities during this year. On January 13, the district officers will be conducting the annual winter Presidents' meeting at which the pastors' wives will also be invited. One of the special features for the day has been titled "Something old, something new, something borrowed and something different." A fellowship festival with husbands invited has been planned for March 28. Each council is to submit a cake for a contest to be judged by several of the men. These cakes will then be used as a part of the refreshments for the evening.


Pastor Jerry Young

The year's WMC events will be climaxed by our WMC Spring Conference in April which will be in conjunction with Indiana District Conference. This year the conference will be in the form of a family retreat and will be a new experience for our WMC'ers.

May seems many months away at this writing, but we know that all too quickly it will have arrived. We trust at that time that we will be able to look back on a year of victorious Christian living. ▼



FOOD FOR FRANCE—The Wheaton, Ill., Grace Brethren WMC chose as one of its local projects sending food to Jim and Joyce Renick, Brethren missionaries to France and members of the Wheaton church. Nearly 50 food items were mailed to the Renicks. Posing with some of the items: L-R, Mrs. Betty Dalton, vice president and program chairman; Mrs. Lois Landrum, president; and Mrs. Marcella Baker, vice president and project chairman.



Indiana District officers: L-R, top row, Mrs. Barbara Castator, Mrs. Gwen Lord, Mrs. Jackie Britton, Mrs. Beulah Fetterhoff. Bottom row: Mrs. Audrey Leek, Mrs. Bill Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Root.

CONGRATULATIONS

1968 SMM Girl of the Year and Her Court

HI, girls!

Wouldn't you like to have been in the shoes of one of these girls this summer? Can't you imagine the tension each one must have felt as the day of the crowning approached? I'm sure that each candidate who was chosen for the SMM Girl of the Year and her court was thrilled to win this honor. Let's hear what this honor and what SMM has meant to some of them.

"SMM has really been an important part of my life. Through the many years that I have been in SMM the Lord has blessed my life and has helped me as I read and study His Word.

The joy of being crowned "SMM Girl of the Year" was a terrific climax to a year of work in completing goals but pure pleasure to do. I thank God for the opportunity to serve Him."

–Pam Edenfield, Allegheny District

"Two summers ago I was a Christian, but now I am what is termed as a Spirit-filled Christian. I accepted Christ as my own personal Saviour at an early grade school age and lived what I thought was a good Christian life. In the summer of 1967, I attended district camp and there I began the moment by moment walk with Christ which I experienced when I yielded my all to Him. Finally, I knew the inner joy and happiness that had not been a part of my life until then. For this reason SMM has meant much more to me for these past two years, and the goals set for us girls have had a real challenge.

–Sharon Magill, East District

Queen–Pam Edenfield
(Miss Allegheny)

1st Runner-up–Sharon Magill
(Miss East)

2nd Runner-up–Brenda Journay
(Miss Indiana)

3rd Runner-up–Pam Walters
(Miss Northern Ohio)

4th Runner-up–Rebecca Dorsey
(Miss Mid-Atlantic)

5th Runner-up–Mary Knepper
(Miss Northern Atlantic)

"For nine years SMM has given me a regular diet of Christian fellowship and training. During this time I feel that I have received many great and wonderful blessings. The total impact that SMM has had on my life cannot be measured. However, I definitely feel that SMM will give me the training needed to live the life of a Christian in our deteriorating world.

I am grateful for having the opportunity to represent my district in SMM. Admittedly, I had butterflies in my stomach that week of camp, but I am truly thankful to God for giving me the chance to present my testimony before other girls.

–Brenda Journay, Indiana District

"SMM has helped me to develop a closer walk with my Lord and to grow in Jesus Christ.

It was a privilege to be chosen as the representative for SMM Girl of the Year in our district. Even though I was not able to attend conference, being a representative was a real joy.

As I look back over my years in SMM, I can see how the Lord worked in my life and helped me to grow spiritually."

–Mary Knepper, No. Atlantic District



Queen Pam and her attendants: Brenda Journay, Pam Walters, Sharon Magill, Rebecca Dorsey, (Mary Knepper not pictured).

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—The U.S. Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional an Arkansas law which forbade the teaching of any theory that man evolved from other species of life.

In an unanimous decision the Court said that when the state enforced the 1928 law it was not being neutral with respect to religion and ostensibly was showing favor toward fundamentalist points of view on the origin of man, taught by a literal interpretation of Genesis.

SALT LAKE CITY (EP)—Utah voters have defeated a proposal to legalize the sale of liquor by the drink.

The proposal had drawn opposition from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), which had unsuccessfully tried to keep the referendum off the November ballot.

Defeat of the proposal means that Utah will retain its present liquor laws, which forbid sale of beverages by the drink having more than 3.2 percent alcohol, in restaurants and bars.

MONROVIA, Calif. (EP)—A new missionary motion picture, filmed entirely in Vietnam under combat newsreel conditions, has been released by World Vision under the title, "No Greater Love."

The film has been produced by Larry Ward and Ron Plant. According to World Vision executive vice president Ted W. Engstrom, it will be made available by the missionary service agency for showings beginning January 1, 1969.

MUSKEGON, Mich. (EP)—The feature-length dramatic film "Flip Side" is being shot by Gospel Films which allegedly takes a candid look at the youth of North America.

Says GF president Billy Zeoli, "These young people are different. Raised in a society where drinking has become a status symbol and sex jokes the 'norm' of mixed company parties, they have been offered birth control pills, LSD and the atomic bomb. They dare to question education and religion and defy traditional codes of behavior. Their trademark is a 'cool resistance' to any approach from their elders in order that they might work out their own moral standards apart from restrictions and rules established by an earlier generation." (This film is available on a rental basis through the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.)

LOCKING THE CROSS AND THE SICKLE. The inauguration of Communist-Christian dialogue started in Denmark in 1968 has been termed "significant." It does, however, make us wonder which side has the most to gain, which the most to lose.

Li Wei Han, Red Chinese strategist said regarding the "counter-revolutionary Church" in the Mindszenty Report:

"We shall be able to destroy the Church. But if we were to attack it frontally and strike it overtly while we are still ill-equipped and have not educated the masses properly, the only result would be to give the Church a greater sway over the masses. . . . The line of action to be followed consists of instructing, educating, persuading, convincing, and little by little awakening and completely developing the political consciousness of Catholics by securing their participation in study circles and political activities.

"We must set about . . . (to) gradually transform the false conscience of the (Church), to the true conscience, so that they will eventually come around to destroying, by themselves and for themselves, the divine images which they had themselves created."

If conversation is what each side wants, then the parties must have a common terminology. But Christians have none with dialecticians who proclaim peaceful coexistence while insidiously subverting a nation.—NBR.

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The Astronaut's Message from the Moon: Gen. 1:1-10

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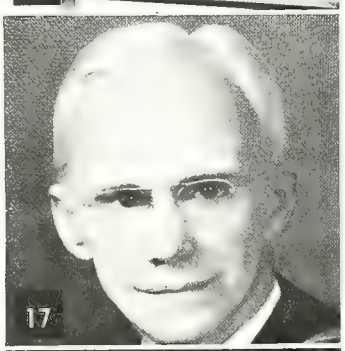
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A Well-Timed Message

The most outstanding trip of exploration since Columbus; a 147-hour period said by some to equal three centuries of scientific study; it was that kind of mission! Everything had gone well with Borman, Lovell, and Anders from blast-off at the Cape all the way to the moon. Even the moon orbit had been executed perfectly. Now the astronauts in the moon orbit were communicating with earth in those hours previous to the beginning of their 240,000-mile trip back to the earth.

Loud and clear came the voice of Anders: "We are now approaching the lunar sunrise and for all the people back on earth, the crew of Apollo 8 has a message that we would like to send to you:

> 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void: and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.' "

How exciting and exhilarating to the millions of people around the world as they then listened to Astronaut Lovell as he read:

> "And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day."

Two additional verses were read by Borman:

> "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good."

Their message was perfectly timed. Every detail of the trip had been planned to meet the perfect movement of a universe that could have come only from the hand of the God of creation. We had heard the astronauts discuss these detailed plans which materialized to perfection. Now they were ready to return home via the tricky re-entry route into the earth's atmosphere. *Then* it was, at the very heart of the mission their message came, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. . . ."

How different from the atheistic Russian astronaut who, having experienced an earth-orbital mission a hundred and fifty or so miles out in space, reported that God was not out there for he looked everywhere and could not see Him. And now since the completion of our Apollo 8 mission, there has come the asinine statement by Madalyn Murray O'Hair that she is starting a campaign to outlaw prayers and the reading of the Bible such as Borman, Lovell, and Anders had made from space.

But fear not, the God who created the universe and controls it will continue to put it into the hearts of brave men everywhere to give forth the message, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," and "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." And after all, it is recorded permanently in the Book of Books, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." ▼

Astronauts Borman, Anders and Lovell. Their greeting was perfectly timed. (Photo below and cover photo, NASA via AP Wirephoto, courtesy Warsaw, Ind., Times Union.)





Left to right: Glen Bechtel, George Owens, Kenneth Young, Charles Watts, Merril McConnell, Michael Shaffer, Williard Smith, James Hawkins.

Sunshine Amidst The Rain

By Rev. Dennis Beach

In the middle of three days of rain came the afternoon that the Grace Brethren Church of Minerva, Ohio, had selected for a ground-breaking service. That afternoon the Lord held back the rain. It was on Sunday, November 17, and fifty members and friends gathered at our new church site.

As pastor I turned the first shovelful of ground. Then followed the vice-moderator, the Sunday-school superintendent, and the WMC president.

Our new building will be financed through the Brethren Investment Foundation, and its financial secretary, Mr. Kenneth Rucker, was present for this important day in our church's history. Mr. Rucker also represented the Breth-





Present meeting place of the Minerva church.

ren Home Missions Council, which is sponsoring our church. As representative of these two organizations Mr. Rucker was granted the honor of taking a turn with the shovel.

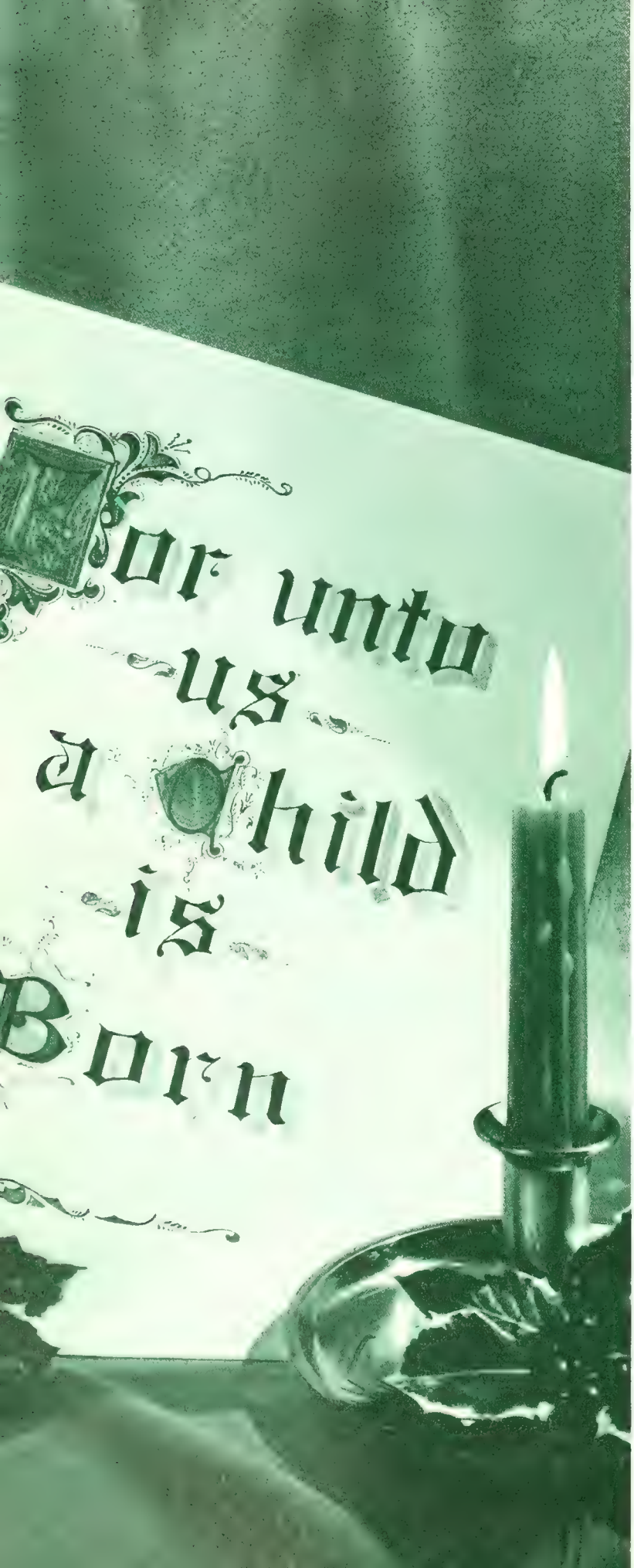
We are grateful that the Lord in leading us to a location also led us to a Christian property owner who was vitally interested in having a church in the new housing area. This property owner sold us the two-acre location for $9,900 and has given us an option to purchase another one and one-half acres. He was present for the turf-turning event and made his contribution by taking a turn with the shovel.

It has been only ten months since the purchase of our property, and in these few months we have seen the property debt reduced from $9,900 to $3,800. This was made possible by the generous giving of our thirty-eight members and the tremendous response we received from the district. During this same period expenditures were made in preparation for our new building, and payments were made on our architectural service fees. A further indication of our people's response was a $308 offering taken at the ground-breaking service.

The building plans for the new church are complete and have been provided by the Brethren Architectural Services, of which Rev. Ralph Hall is the supervisor. We have chosen Early American for the church design, and the present unit will be the first in a three-unit building.

We are expecting the Brethren Construction Crew to move here sometime after the first of the year, but in the meantime some of the crew members will be getting the building started here while they are finishing up the Lexington, Ohio, structure.

God has done great things for us, and we are thankful. We believe He is going to continue doing great things. A hundred new homes are going into the area immediately around our new church, giving us new opportunities and contacts. As our building begins to take shape here, we believe God is going to add many people from the Minerva community to His church, the body of Christ. ▼



By Lester E. Pifer

"For Unto Us..."

The fulfillment of the eternal purpose of God is climaxed in the birth and death of the Son of God. Every event of Christ's time on earth is part of a divinely-executed plan for the redemption of mankind.

It took the infinite wisdom and grace of God to complete this plan whereby sinful man could be brought back into fellowship with Him. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:9-10).

Man's problem of sin, enormous and universal in scope, created an impossible gap between fallen created beings and a holy, righteous Creator. Man's choice to follow the path of disobedience, rebellion, and rejection of God's will brought him directly under the judgment of God. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:20). "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23).

God's condescension through the birth of Jesus Christ was the only means by which man could be redeemed. We are "justified

freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" (Rom. 3:24-26).

God demonstrated His love for sinful man in providing a perfect sacrifice, His own Son, to pay the wages of sin. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). "For he hath made him to be sin [a sin offering] for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21).

"Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan,
Oh, the grace that brought it down to man,
Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span,
At Calvary."

God's supreme sacrifice for sin, His marvelous provision for man's redemption and reconciliation, not only dealt with the past and present but also has provided for the glorious future of the children of God. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Our rejoicing this Christmas season must center around this wonderful truth. The matchless grace and love of God and the sacrifice of Christ should thrill our hearts anew every time we read this blessed story. What a marvelous message to share with others! What a joy to have "Emmanuel"—"God with us"—as our Saviour and eternal Lord!

The Brethren Home Missions Board of Directors, staff, and corps of home missionaries join me in wishing all of you God's richest blessing. May the joys of our Lord be your portion in the glorious future ahead. ▼

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The remodeled Winona, Minnesota church building.

The 90-Year-Old Building

By Donald W. Farner

Ninety years ago a group of German Methodists built a church in Winona, Minnesota. After using it for twenty-five years, they turned it over to German Baptists. Next came the Church of the Brethren, which used it for over thirty years. Then the Evangelical Free Church made use of the building until it was sold to the Grace Brethren. By the grace of God there is still a lighthouse on the corner of Ewing and Wabasha Streets.

Mrs. Farner and I arrived at Winona in December of 1965 for the purpose of pastoring the church and remodeling the old church building. The project has taken nearly three years, as we have been partially self-supporting. Members of the congregation, including the women, helped in pouring concrete, applying the roof, finishing woodwork, painting, and cleaning.



Trustees (left) receive the church key from Pastor Donald Farner at the dedication service.

We received help on the project from the district in both finances and labor, and this help came from both pastors and laymen. Our son, Don, Jr., and his wife helped us one summer when Don was in seminary. It has taken many hands to accomplish this remodeling program.

It was not easy to take a building erected in 1878 and modernize it into a 1968 model. And in the planning we considered the future as well as the present use. Assisting in the building program were the members of the board of trustees as well as Mr. Everett Bearden, Mr. William Roth, and Mr. Eldon Putzier, who composed the building committee.

The original $5,000 property now has a valuation of $20,000. On Dedication Day the property debt stood at $8,200. The Brethren Investment Foundation made possible our remodeling program, and we appreciate Brethren people who helped us by investing in the foundation.

With our present facilities we are able to accommodate at least one hundred people. We have a total of 3,136 square feet of floor space. Included are meeting rooms, a narthex, a furnace room, and a study. The new look inside and out also includes new light fixtures, a new heating system, a new ceiling, and new carpeting.

Dedication Day was set for October 12, 1968. A Saturday date was chosen to make possible a greater representation from the district churches, and it worked out very well. Pastors from seven of the nine churches in our Iowa District participated in the special service. Our main speaker was Rev. Robert Thompson, Western field secretary for the Brethren Home Missions Council.

It is a wonderful thing to see the Lord work as He did right here in Winona. We have these facilities because of the cooperative effort of our people, the Iowa District, and the Brethren Home Missions Council. This kind of cooperative effort throughout our Fellowship could increase our testimony for Christ and deserves our wholehearted support. It is our desire to see this work grow and prosper until Jesus comes. ▼

Below: The original church building.





Through Invitation

How could it be presented? This was my problem as I considered the lesson for our ladies' luncheon-discussion meeting. We had arrived (in our teaching) at Mount Sinai. Previously I had shown by flannelgraph the events that accompanied the giving of the Law to Moses by God. The Tabernacle and related subjects had been visualized by filmstrip. The great truths of the Book of Leviticus now needed to be made clear.

What is the theme of Leviticus? I felt it was God's provision that man might be accepted before Him.

At lunch I presented each lady the following personally-addressed invitation:

ELIZABETH II,
by the grace of God of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain
and of
Her other Realms and Territories
QUEEN,
Head of the Commonwealth,
Defender of the Faith,
requests
your presence
on Monday,
the twenty-fourth of June,
nineteen hundred and sixty-eight
at Buckingham Palace
RSVP

You should have heard the comments! They really thought I had some affair planned. At least I had them thinking until we came to our discussion time. After a few words of explanation regarding the make-believe invitation, I asked them how they would have answered the following questions should the invitation have been authentic.

1. Would you want to attend?
2. Would you want to know why you were invited?
3. Would you go as you are?
4. Would you make some special preparation?
5. Would you find out what to wear?
6. Would you prepare cosmetically?
7. Would you learn about court etiquette?
8. Would you be afraid?
9. Would you feel honored?
10. Would you tell others about it?

After they had answered the questions, we discussed them. The general agreement was "yes" to all questions except number three.

If we would make such preparation to appear before an earthly monarch, how dare we think we could appear as we are before the King of kings! God demands preparation. The Book of Leviticus presents what God requires under the Old Testament Law. I then read to them the entire sixteenth chapter, which deals with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. This is one holy day all Jews know about, though much of what is observed is traditional. The Lord required that even the high priest appear before Him in the holy of holies on a certain day, in certain dress, and by a certain way. I gave examples of Aaron's sons (Lev. 10:1-3) and Uzzah (II Sam. 6:1-7).

I linked the sacrifices for the Day of Atonement to Leviticus 17:11 and John 1:29. God has provided His Lamb, who not only shed His blood for payment of our sins but also bore them away.

God extends a personal invitation to come into His presence, as is evidenced in Isaiah 55 and Revelation 22:17. All of us *must* one day stand before the King of kings, but only those who are properly attired in His righteousness will be accepted. I read part of Matthew 22:1-14. Were we prepared to appear before Him?

In the discussion time that followed, Mrs. S— asked if children bore the guilt for the sin of the parents. This was a little off the subject, so I told her I would talk with her later about this. Several days later on the phone I asked her to read Jeremiah 31:27-40 and Ezekiel 18.

The following week Mrs. Button and I visited Mrs. S—. We discussed the fact that though one's sins may affect the lives of others, in relationship to God each will give account only for his own sin. Mrs. S— asked other questions, which were also answered from the Word. During our visit we were able to present the Lord Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises.

Two of the ladies who regularly attend our day meeting are out of town, one in Chicago, the other in Israel. I wrote to them about the meeting and used this invitation with questions and explanation to testify also to them.

The invitation has been given. May they RSVP. ▼

By Isobel Fraser

Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAISE God for the near completion of the new library building.

PRAY for a smooth occupancy of the new library facilities at the beginning of the second semester.

PRAY for a successful beginning of the second semester on January 21 with student bodies of God's own choosing.

PRAY for a powerful spiritual impact at the Grace Bible Conference during the week of January 26.

PRAY for the continued efforts connected with the merging of the Winona Christian Assembly and Grace Schools.

HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the new officers in our home-mission churches assuming responsibilities in 1969.

PRAY for the need for home-mission pastors. Three or more churches are waiting now for the Lord to lead them to the right man.

PRAY for the churches under construction during these winter months at Lexington and Minerva, Ohio.

PRAY for the Lord to supply the needs of home-mission churches going self-supporting in 1969.

PRAY for the Western division home-mission workshop February 4, 5, and 6.

EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for the many persons won to Jesus Christ in crusade meetings during the fall months.

PRAISE the Lord for continued financial support given to our work by churches throughout the country.

PRAY for the ministry of Rev. Allen Herr as he joins our staff January 5.

PRAY that the Lord will lead Brother Scott Weaver in his future ministries as he concludes his work with our board in February. Pray for the complete restoration of his health.

PRAY for Bill Smith, director of evangelism, as he carries the responsibility for the total program of the work.

SMM

PRAY for a deepened spiritual life for each SMM girl—especially in establishing and observing her QT time.

PRAY that the Operation SMM offering due February 10 might meet and even exceed the $1,000 goal.

PRAISE the Lord for new members of SMM this year and pray for patronesses new in SMM this year.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PRAY that every church may have an outstanding program for Youth Week during the last week of January (or some other suitable time).

PRAY that Sunday schools will carefully evaluate their work as they return their Sunday-school standards, and that they will make provision for improvement in places where weaknesses are evident.

PRAY that our youth will give careful thought and prayer to the possibility of service next summer in our TIME program as summer missionaries.

PRAY for the itineration of both the director and assistant in the work of Christian education at the local church level.

PRAY for our new officers of Sunday school, training hour programs, SMM, and boys' work.

PRAY that every church will support the Christian Education Department during 1969.

PRAY that more churches may include a definite program for their teenagers.

WMC

PRAISE the Lord for what has been accomplished in WMC during the past year. Pray that in this coming year our WMC's may see more spiritual victories than ever before.

PRAY that every WMC lady may be a soul winner.

PRAY that the WMC's of the newly formed districts (Florida, Northeast Ohio, Central Ohio) may be able to promote enthusiasm and growth.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord for the excellent gospel ministry being performed by our bookstores on the various fields; pray that He may continue to guide the personnel who operate or are employed in these stores.

PRAY that the summer camps being held in Argentina in January and February will be a time of inspiration and challenge to the young people and the families taking part.

PRAY that more young people on the foreign fields will be willing to yield to the Lord's call and to train for service among their own people.

PRAY that God will direct as missionaries meet together in their field councils and the people hold their own national conferences on our South American fields in the near future.

PRAY for the very definite guidance of the Lord for the FMS Board of Trustees, who will begin their midyear meetings on January 27.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

PRAY that God's people will continue faithful in praying for our young people in the service of our country.

PRAISE the Lord for faithful preaching of the Word by Brethren chaplains. Pray for more openings for men desiring to enter the chaplaincy.

MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for two new employees—Mrs. Conard (Fern) Sandy, and Mrs. Sherwood (Joyce) Durkee. Pray for them in their new responsibilities.

PRAISE the Lord that we are nearing the 11,000 mark in subscriptions to the *Missionary Herald.* Continue to pray for blessing and challenge from the magazine to our readers.

PRAISE the Lord for a continuing interest in good books.

LAYMEN

PRAISE the Lord for the fine number of men who work regularly in their local Christian Service Brigade.

PRAY that we may reach our goal of forty new Christian Service Brigade groups by the 1969 conference.

PRAY that more men will become interested in visitation and soul winning.

Church News

HOLLINS, VA. The Patterson Memorial Brethren Church was winner over the Ghent Brethren Church of Roanoke, Va. in a Beans n' Chicken Sunday-school enlargement campaign. Patterson Memorial showed a 13.9 percent average increase for the period of Oct. 6-Nov. 10. The losing team is planning a banquet of chicken for the winners and beans for the losers. Ron Thompson, pastor.

BERNE, IND. At a special business meeting on Dec. 18, the members of the Bethel Brethren Church voted to purchase five acres of land at the east edge of Berne for the location of their new church. As yet, a date for the start of construction has not been set. On Dec. 22, the young people's cantata choir presented "Love Transcending." Kenneth E. Russell, pastor.

BEAVERTON, OREG. First place in the Northwest District Sunday School Contest was attained by the Grace Brethren Church here. The contest was on a percentage of increase basis. Also, this Sunday school showed the largest number of new student gain in the district. Luke E. Kauffman, pastor.

ALTOONA, PA. Twelve weeks before Thanksgiving, the congregation of the Grace Brethren Church decided to pray and plan for a Thanksgiving offering unto the Lord. The offering to be completed at a special service on Thanksgiving day. By Nov. 24, nearly $700 had been received. In the first Thanksgiving day service in the history of the church, $592.09 was received, bringing the total to $1,287.43. Rev. Sheldon Snyder and Rev. Fred Walter, area Brethren pastors, participated in the service. Robert G. Clinton, pastor.

GARWIN, IOWA. On Nov. 22-23, the Iowa District churches held their fall youth rally at the Carlton Brethren Church with 90 young people in attendance. The speaker for the occasion was Glen Jaspers of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Marshalltown, Iowa. Donald Jentes, pastor.

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA. The 1969 winter season program at Bibletown will begin Dec. 29 with Dr. Paul R. Bauman, vice president–Special Affairs of LeTourneau College, as the speaker through Jan. 3, 1969. At the evening sessions of the conference, Dr. Bauman will present a series of illustrated lectures on the Letters to the Seven Churches. These will feature pictures taken in Turkey at the sites of the seven cities mentioned in Revelation, chapters 2 and 3. Dr. Bauman also will be featured in the 1969 Congress on Prophecy at the Scofield Memorial Church, Dallas, Texas, Jan. 5-11. Some other featured speakers are, Dr. William Culbertson, Dr. Bruce Wallis Dunn, Dr. Charles Feinberg, Dr. S. Lewis Johnson, Dr. J. Vernon McGee, Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost, Dr. Charles Ryrie, and Dr. Wilbur Smith.

HARRAH, WASH. Six charter members of the Harrah Brethren Church were present on Nov. 10 to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the church in the community. Those present were Judson Gould, Milo Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Stover, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Faw. Following the morning service, a potluck dinner was served with 95 present. On display in the basement were photographs, bulletins, and documents of the church's history. Charles H. Winter, pastor.

JENNERS, PA. The ladies of the Grace Brethren Church recently surprised Mrs. James Hoffmeyer, pastor's wife, with a personal shower in honor of her birthday. James F. Hoffmeyer, pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church, West Tenth St., held an evangelism emphasis week recently with many of the people of the church as evangelists. Campus Crusade's Denny Hertzler spoke at the church one evening explaining how to use the "Four Spiritual Laws." All other organized meetings were in homes, seven coffee hours and five film showings. Four evenings were for visitation, and three afternoons for surveys of the community. Two became Christians at the coffee hours, and others requested information. Attendance increased by 100 the next week for Sunday school. Knute Larson, pastor.

MARGATE, FLA. On Dec. 1, a new attendance high of 132 was reached, this is since Rev. Edward Lewis has been pastor. During the month of November, there were three decisions for salvation in regular church services, and nine in the AWANA boys' and girls' organization. Each Tuesday night between 95 and 125 boys and girls attend the "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" meetings.



ROANOKE, VA. On Dec. 1, the Washington Heights Brethren Church dedicated the new Conn organ pictured above. The program included numbers by the choir, soloists, and ensembles, organ and piano solos, and organ-piano duets. Dayton Cundiff, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	*Date*	*Pastor*	*Speaker*
Everett, Pa.	Jan. 6-12	Homer Lingenfelter	Scott Weaver
Akron, Ohio	Jan. 10-12	John Burke	Dean Fetterhoff
Camden, Ohio	Jan. 12-19	George Ritchey	John Terrell
Glendale, Calif.	Jan. 19-26	Lyle Marvin	Allen Herr

THANK YOU

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for all the lovely flowers, messages of sympathy and the many kindnesses shown us at the homegoing of our beloved husband and brother.

Mrs. Alva J. McClain
Mrs. Mary Miller
Mrs. Ruth Ashman

MEYERSDALE, PA. The Grace Brethren Church welcomed its new pastor, Robert L. Burns, on Nov. 17, with an attendance of 240 for Sunday school and nearly 200 for morning church. A food shower and love gift were presented to Rev. and Mrs. Burns after a fellowship meal.

STERLING, OHIO. The congregation of the First Brethren Church voted to buy three acres of land, one mile north of Sterling at the junction of county roads 60 and 70. The final legal transaction will take place as soon as possible. We are looking toward building a new church as the Lord provides the way. Total cost of the land is $6800. Robert P. Combs, pastor.

DES MOINES, IOWA. Rev. Charles Ashman was the evangelist for services Nov. 11-17 at the First Brethren Church. Six of the 37 decisions were for salvation. A highlight of each service was the evangelist's use of gospel magic. Milton Ryerson, pastor.



NORWALK, CALIF. The Sunday school of the Norwalk Brethren Church closed a very successful contest on Dec. 22, using the "Space Age" theme. Pictured at right is the sign in front of the church promoting the six-week contest, and in the photo above, visitors are registering at a booth. All persons who came the nearest to bringing 100 new people to Sunday school received a jet plane ride over Southern California. On Nov. 24, the church dedicated a new Steinway piano which was given to the church through a memorial fund and the family of the late Harold Soverns. W. Stanley Jensen, pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moore, members of the First Brethren Church, held an open house in their home on Sunday, Nov. 17, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their Nov. 19, wedding. Daniel Grabill, pastor.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. A "Thanksgiving Fellowship" was held following prayer meeting on Nov. 27. Members and friends of the church surprised the pastor and his wife with a food shower. Robert Dell, pastor.

YAKIMA, WASH. Pastor Allen H. Herr, Montclair, Calif., was speaker for evangelistic services at the Grace Brethren Church, Nov. 17-24. There were three decisions for salvation, and many of the congregation made rededications of life. Henry Rempel, pastor.

GRAFTON, W. VA. For the third consecutive year, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt was the three-day homecoming conference speaker at the First Brethren Church. A homecoming dinner climaxed the conference. Paul Mohler, pastor.

ALEPPO, PA. The new fellowship building of the Aleppo Brethren Church was dedicated Nov. 10, with Rev. Shimer Darr bringing the dedicatory message. There was over 100 in attendance, and an offering of $791 received. The cost of the building was under $7,000 because much of the labor was donated by members of the congregation and community.





WESTMINSTER, CALIF. The Westminster Brethren Church has recently acquired the services of Jim Bergthold, pictured above, and his family as coworkers in the Lord's work. Mr. Bergthold began duties as director of music on Sept. 6. His wife, Loana, will be the church organist. The Bergtholds recently concluded a two-year ministry at the Community Baptist Church. Douglas E. Bray, pastor.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. Young people of the Grace Brethren Church were in charge of the Sunday evening service Nov. 24. A skit on "How to Be A Christian Without Being Religious" was presented, and was followed with a thrilling missionary challenge by Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Leech, missionaries to Hawaii. A time of food and fellowship followed. Lew Ingwaldson, pastor.

CLAYTON, OHIO. The homecoming services with Rev. Richard Sellers as speaker were times of encouragement and inspiration for the Clayton brethren. There were 11 decisions during the meetings. Rev. Richard Messner was also present and brought a message and showed slides of college youth in action. William E. Howard, pastor.

LISTIE, PA. Rev. Clifford Wicks terminated his service as pastor of the Listie Brethren Church to start a new work in the Somerset, Pa., area. Rev. Fred Walter of the North Buffalo Brethren Church (Kittanning, Pa.) has accepted our call to be pastor, and will assume that position Feb. 15, 1969. Until that time, all mail for the church should be sent to Sarah E. Good, R. R. 1, Friedens, Pa. 15541.

CHANGE. The address of Rev. and Mrs. Tom Julien, appearing on page 42 of the Brethren *Annual*, should be changed to: Chateau de St. Albain, 71-Lugny, France. The address of the Fort Myers, Fla., church should read: Located in the Villas, five miles south of Fort Myers, one mile south of the airport, just off highway number 41. Please change your *Annual.*

ALEXANDRIA, VA. On Nov. 23, the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church surprised the pastor and family with a generous food shower and a money-tree with $90 pinned on the branches. Richard E. Grant, pastor.

HARRISBURG, PA. The Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church held a surprise 30th anniversary reception for Pastor and Mrs. Earle Peer Nov. 24, before the Sunday evening service. The church presented Rev. and Mrs. Peer with a beautiful 98-piece set of china dishes. Rev. Warren Tamkin was the master of ceremonies.



TROY, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church celebrated its 24th anniversary on Nov. 24, with Rev. Ralph Hall, representing Brethren Home Missions, as speaker. Following a mortgage-burning ceremony participated in by Mrs. Mary Kindell (left, above) and Mr. Robert McBride, a carry-in dinner was enjoyed. The church was started in 1944 as a Sunday school conducted by Rev. Arthur Carey and Rev. Norman Uphouse. In the spring of 1945, Mr. Carey became the first full-time pastor. Construction was begun on a church building in 1948, and the congregation began meeting in the basement. In 1956 the church began receiving help from the Brethren Home Missions Council, and made arrangements to buy the land and complete the building. The building was finished in 1958, and the church became self-supporting in 1962. The church is currently without a pastor.



Left to right: Mrs. Fred Bucher and her two daughters, Mrs. Rowe Eschenmann and Mrs. Max Wallace; and Rev. Lester Pifer as they look over the painting of Mr. Bucher which hangs in the lounge.

EVERETT, PA. On Nov. 3, Rev. Lester Pifer was speaker for a memorial service at the Grace Brethren Church. A beautiful lounge was dedicated in memory of Fred B. Bucher, a faithful servant who went to be with his Lord in July, 1966. Mr. Bucher helped organize the Everett church, and was the first deacon of the congregation, serving in this capacity until his death. Auxiliary groups in the church decided to build a lounge as a memorial in his name. The room is done in knotty pine paneling with blue-green carpet on the floor, and the furniture is Early American style. An artificial Aralia tree, a flower plant, and three country-scene paintings add to the decor. The highlight of the lounge is an oil painting of Fred Bucher.

At the evening service a beautiful two-room nursery was also dedicated. (Photos by Rev. Lester Pifer.) Homer Lingenfelter, pastor.



Bed babies area



Toddler nursery

In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.



GRAY, Rev. William, 67, former pastor of the First Brethren Church, Covington, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 13. He had retired from the Brethren pastorate in 1964 because of illness. Services were held both in Covington, Ohio, and in Masontown, Pa., where he was laid to rest on Dec. 16. Submitted by Rev. Ralph Miller.

INMAN, Nelle, 78, a faithful member of the Beaver City, Nebr., Brethren Church passed away suddenly on Nov. 23. She was the mother of Thomas Inman, pastor of the Denver Grace Brethren Church, and of Harold Inman of the Beaver City church. Aryle Ross, interim pastor.

WILLIAMS, Blair, a member of the Listie, Pa., Brethren Church, passed away Oct. 27. Funeral services were held in Elyria, Ohio.

WARDLE, Fanny, a member of the Long Beach, Calif., First Brethren Church, went to be with the Lord Nov. 18. David L. Hocking, pastor.

LAYMEN'S PAGE

The National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen

Harold Jones, Editor

MAN OF THE MONTH

Mr. Schroeder is an active layman and member of the Galion, Ohio, Grace



William Schroeder

Brethren Church, where he serves as Sunday-school superintendent, teacher, and usher. He is also active in the Northcentral Ohio District Men's Fellowship. He recently delivered a 10-speed English Schwin bicycle to the Foreign Missionary Society to be used by missionaries. Brother Schroeder is married and has three children: Penny, Tom, and David.

NATIONAL

The national executive committee met October 12, 1968 in the conference room of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company at Winona Lake, Indiana. Items of business were: 1. Secure a mimeograph machine for the national laymen's secretary, Millard Speece, to help him expedite secretarial duties. 2. Approval of the printing of 750 copies of our revised constitution, and mailing of copies to each district president. 3. Laymen across the nation are encouraged to wear red blazers to our district rallies and especially to the 1969 national conference. Men wishing to order the blazers should contact Fred Peters, 1022 Arch Street, Ashland, Ohio. 4. Plans were made for 1969 laymen's sessions at the national conference.

SOUTHERN OHIO

Officers are Harold D. Hyre, president; Wallace Stewart, vice president; Richard W. Darby, secretary; Jack Scharff, treasurer; and James A. Hampton, assistant secretary-treasurer.

The Southern Ohio District recently held a banquet. A feature of the evening was a tour through the Middle East with slides and narration by Rev. Charles Lawson, of the Trotwood, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church, who recently returned from the Holy Land.

A committee of three men was appointed: Emmert Rike, Sam Grice, and Ralph Dixon to promote boys' brigade work throughout the churches.

The annual Spiritual Life Crusade is planned for May 1969 with the following men serving on this committee: Winfred E. Miller, Jr.; Homer Screechfield, and Rev. Clyde Caes.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Robert W. Sunthimer, president, reported a recent district rally held in the First Brethren Church of Norton, Barberton, Ohio. The Brethren Four male quartet from the First Brethren Church in Rittman, Ohio, furnished the music; and Bill Swain, sportscaster from Elyria, Ohio, was the speaker.

A special note of thanks is given to the Grace Brethren Church of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, for the gift of a mimeograph machine which was presented to the National Fellowship of Brethren laymen to be used by the secretary.

NORTHCENTRAL OHIO

The men in Northcentral Ohio have completed some projects recently. An all-day work rally was held at the new Lexington Grace Brethren Church, and the men helped with the pouring of cement for the main floor of the building and digging trenches for the laying of footer tile, and laying the tile. This was a real savings on the cost of labor for the construction of the building.

The men from the district sent a check to Rev. Tom Julien, missionary in France, to buy an electric drill for use on the field.

Evangelist Bill Smith, directed a soul-winning clinic at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio, for the men in this district on November 14, 15, and 16. A fish fry was enjoyed by all the men at the conclusion of these meetings.

A "Treat the Cook Banquet" was held on Saturday, November 30, in Mansfield for the men and their wives. Rev. Nathan Meyer was the guest speaker. Dave Seifert was in charge of the music and Mr. Hall from the Columbus, Ohio, church gave his personal testimony.

NORTHERN ATLANTIC

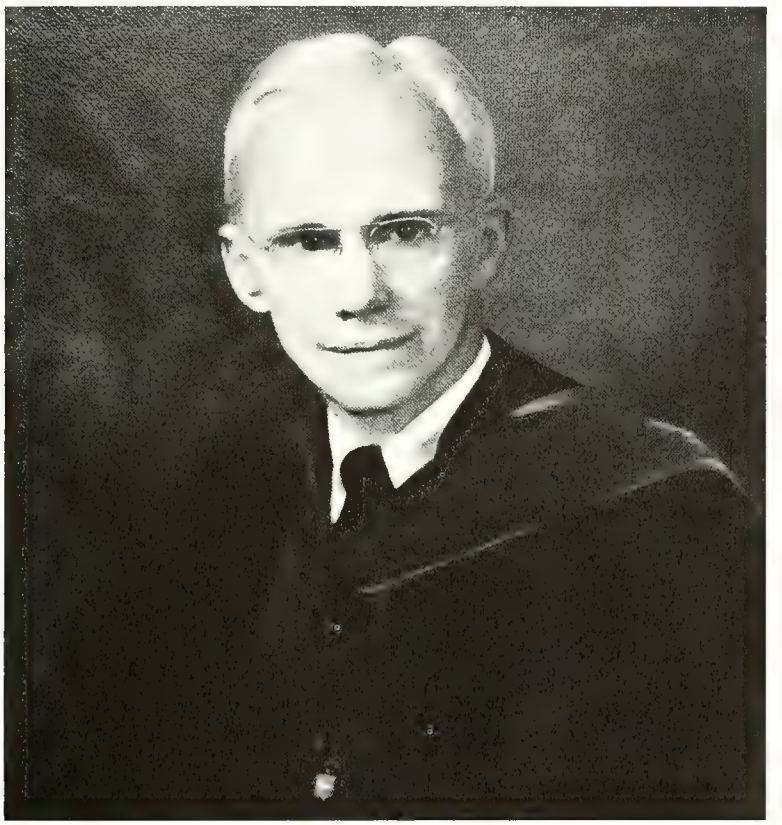
Allen F. Zook reports the annual laymen's overnight retreat was a highlight among the men in this district. Speakers at the retreat were: Rev. Edmund Leech, missionary to Hawaii and Rev. Dan Eshleman, pastor of the home-mission church in New Jersey. The Lancaster (Pa.) Grace Brethren Church was the host church, with the ladies serving the food, and we express a special thanks to these ladies who helped prepare and serve the delicious food.



Men standing in line at the dining room of the overnight camp for the Northern Atlantic District.

"A Prince Has Fallen"

(A 10-page Memorial Section on Dr. Alva J. McClain)



"A prince and a great man has fallen." A deeply impressive memorial service was held for Dr. Alva J. McClain on November 14, 1968, in the Winona Lake Auditorium. An estimated 900 persons attended.

The service was conducted by Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., vice president of Grace Schools. Scripture was read by Dr. S. Herbert Bess, teacher of Hebrew and the Old Testament at Grace Seminary, followed by prayer from Rev. John M. Aeby, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa.

The Grace College Choir, Professor Donald Ogden, director, sang "Jesus, the Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach, immediately following Pastor Aeby's prayer. Tributes were given by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools and upon whom in a very real sense Dr. McClain's mantle of service has fallen; Dr. Kenneth B. Ashman, president of the board of trustees of Grace Schools; Dr. Russell D. Barnard, moderator of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches; Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, a former official of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly; and Dr. Paul R. Bauman, administrator at LeTourneau College.

Dr. Orville D. Jobson, a close friend of the McClains and one who was largely influenced by Dr. McClain to serve the Lord on the foreign mission field of Africa, delivered a triumphant message.

The Grace Choir and special chorus victoriously climaxed the service by singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah. Dr. Hoyt closed with prayer.

The burial service took place at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw, with the committal service being conducted by Dr. Kent, Sr.

DR. McCLAIN —HIS LIFE

Dr. Alva J. McClain, founder and president emeritus of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College, died at 3:15 a.m., November 11, at Friendship Village, Waterloo, Iowa.

Born in Aurelia, Iowa, on April 11, 1888, he was the son of Rev. Walter and Mary McClain. On June 7, 1911, at Yakima, Washington, he married Josephine Gingrich.

His formal education was received at the following schools: University of Washington and Antioch College; A.B., (Phi Beta Kappa), Occidental College; Graduate with Diploma in Theology, Xenia Theological Seminary; Th.M., ibid; D.D., Bible Institute of Los Angeles; LL.D., Bob Jones College.

He was ordained to the ministry of The Brethren Church in 1917, and pastored the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia for eight years.

He was on the faculties of these institutions: Philadelphia School of the Bible, Ashland College, Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and Ashland Theological Seminary.

In 1937 Dr. McClain, along with Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, the current president of Grace Schools, founded Grace Theological Seminary in Akron, Ohio, with thirty-nine students. In 1939 the school was moved to Winona Lake. Dr. McClain guided the founding of Grace College in 1948 and served as president of both schools until his retirement in 1962. McClain Hall, the administration and seminary classroom building on Grace campus, was named in his honor in 1966.

He served for fifty years on the board of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society, having been appointed as recording secretary to the board in 1917. He was elected moderator of the general conference of The Brethren Church in 1930 and 1934, and served on the board of directors of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly since 1942. He was a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the National Association of Phi Beta Kappa, and was listed in *Who's Who in America.*

He has authored, along with numerous articles and monographs in religious publications, four books. They are: *Outline and Argument of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans,* 1928; *Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks,* 1930; *Law and the Christian Believer in Relation to the Doctrine of Grace,* 1954; and *The Greatness of the Kingdom,* 1959. A short booklet entitled *Bible Truths* has been reprinted ten times and translated into four foreign languages.

He also served ten years as a member of the revision committee for the New Scofield Bible which was published by Oxford in 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Miller of Long Beach, California, and Mrs. Ruth Ashman of West Covina, California. The McClains left Winona Lake to reside in Friendship Village in March of 1968.—*Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., vice president, Grace Schools* ▼



Dr. Alva J. McClain (left) and Dr. Orville Jobson at a special "My Teacher" presentation at the Grace Bible Conference in 1968.

"A PAINSTAKING SCHOLAR"

Dr. Alva J. McClain was the leading educator in the area of theological education within The Brethren Church for more than thirty-five years. He was an able and proficient scholar, known outside his own denomination and throughout theological conservatism across the United States.

He was a painstaking scholar. There was no effort too great to spend in developing a system of theology that has blessed every student sitting under his ministry and the thousands who have benefited indirectly through that ministry. He possessed the ability to take the abstruse teachings of the Scriptures and make them plain to the average believer in Christ; yet in doing so he never sacrificed the profundity and depth of Biblical truth.

It was under his leadership that the first graduate school of theology in The Brethren Church was organized at Ashland, Ohio, in 1930. That school was perpetuated in substance in Grace Theological Seminary, which was organized under his direction as president in 1937. This school began its session in Akron, Ohio, and two years later moved to Winona Lake, where it established permanent quarters. Even though the first fourteen years of its ministry were in rented quarters, the school continued to grow, until at last it was necessary to move to a campus of its own. During this time a four-year liberal arts college was started, and both schools grew to about 350 during Dr. McClain's presidency.

In addition to the fact that his influence will be felt in The Brethren Church for years to come as its chief theologian, he has left a heritage of literature from his pen that is superb in content and expression. In some ways, perhaps, his greatest contribution to the field of Christian literature is to be measured by his part as a member of the Revision Committee of the Scofield Reference Bible.

It has often been said that an institution is the lengthened shadow of a man. Certainly Grace Theological Seminary is that. But what is even greater is the lengthened shadow of this man in the hundreds of students who have sat under his ministry. Almost instantly they were aware that they were sitting under a master teacher. There was something about this man that captured the attention of the student and made him thrill to the message of the Scriptures. Clarity of thought and the vivid influence of godliness made an indelible impression upon the student, so that memories of the classroom became motivating factors in his life. There were a thrill and an attraction about his lectures that drew one irresistibly to the classroom, and the hour passed as if it were but a few minutes.

His devotion to the Word of God is amply demonstrated in the system of theology which he developed, the digest of which constitutes the statement of faith for Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College. In this system of theology, as well as in his life and ministry, it was evident that Jesus Christ was given preeminence. Those who knew him best soon learned that there were two motivating factors in his life, foreign missionary service and the blessed hope. His great delight was the number of students who were committed to foreign missionary service. He lived from day to day in the hope that Jesus might come at any moment. In the power of this persuasion he wrote a classic of this generation, *The Greatness of the Kingdom,* about the kingdom Jesus Christ will establish at His coming. Today he is with the Lord. He is in the presence of that One whom he constantly reminded us is "full of grace and truth."

I am debtor to this man far beyond what I can ever tell. I came to know him forty years ago. One message alone was enough to seal a bond of admiration. Two years later we were thrown into direct association. In an ever growing intimacy I have been associated with him for thirty-eight years: as student, colleague, fellow worker, friend, and brother in Christ. Together we joined in the labors of launching Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College. We joined hands in the many duties attendant upon an educational institution. Many were the hours we spent together discussing the problems of the school and deliberating upon the best solution. Even though he retired in 1962 from active duty after twenty-five years as president and professor of Christian theology, he did not cease to show intense interest in the progress of the school. His counsel during these years was an invaluable assistance to me. Almost all that I am under God I owe to this man.

I cannot conclude this testimony without pointing out something that I knew better than any other. His good wife stood by him in all those days of ministry, sharing the burden and heat of the day that The Brethren Church might have an educational institution for the training of its young people. For this peculiarly fitted, self-effacing, and self-sacrificing saint of God and his wife, The Brethren Church must be eternally grateful. This man provided the intellectual leadership necessary to guide The Brethren Church through the peril of apostasy and has given to the denomination an educational institution standing for "the faith once delivered to the saints."—*Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President, Grace Schools* ▼

A SPIRITUAL FATHER

The debt of love I owe to Dr. Alva J. McClain can never be paid. He was my spiritual father, teacher, and pastor, beginning when I was but twenty years of age. He performed my baptism and ordained me to the gospel ministry. I shall never forget his interest in me as a young missionary candidate, and his counsel and advice in the years that followed were priceless indeed. One of the most precious volumes in my library is autographed, "To my own son in the faith," and signed, "Alva J. McClain." And yet I am only one of hundreds who rise up to call this man blessed.

And now our beloved Dr. McClain has been loosed away upward; his long night of suffering is over, and he is at home with the Lord. During the months of his confinement he had the best of loving care. His devoted wife was constantly at his side to minister to his every need, and now he is safe in the arms of Jesus.

Scripture does not leave us in doubt at this point, for it is written that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. This is a supreme comfort to all of us who knew him intimately and loved him dearly. To depart and be with Christ is far, far better. To the very end he was a living example of the Word of God which he firmly believed and clearly taught. God, whom he faithfully preached to others, did not fail him in his hour of need. The Lord's grace was sufficient. What patient waiting for release, what complete resignation to the holy will of God, what marvelous grace!

Dr. McClain was a special gift of God to The Brethren Church. He was richly endowed with many talents, and he used them all for his Lord and the church. None was greater than that of teaching. He had a special dispensation committed to him from the Lord for this ministry, and all who benefited from his ministry across this land and on foreign soil will be eternally grateful for the privilege of having sat at his feet.

His life as well as his teaching was a sweet savor to Christ; the Lord he loved and proclaimed was manifested in his daily life and walk—so much so that he could have said as did the Apostle Paul, "Be ye followers of me even as I also am of Christ."

But we know that Dr. McClain would want this memorial service to include exhortation to steadfastness and faithfulness to those of us who follow in his train. I have chosen by the direction of the Spirit of God the passage in I Corinthians chapter 15, verses 51 to 58: "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

The particular verse on which I have been led to comment is verse 58. It seems very fitting here at the close of this great chapter on the resurrection of the body and immediately after the mention of the Rapture and Paul's shout of victory over death and the grave through our Lord Jesus Christ. It seems fitting, also, as a timely message to us who this day pay tribute to the founding father of Grace Schools and long-time spiritual leader in The Brethren Church. I believe it is what he would want to say to each one of us. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

The Apostle introduces this fifty-eighth verse with a "therefore," indicating, of course, that this is a practical exhortation growing out of the doctrine of the verses just preceding. Had it not been for Christ's death for sin, death would have reigned forever over our fallen race. But, thanks be to God, Christ has given the victory. Therefore, because Christ gives the victory over sin and death, Paul says, "I exhort you, my beloved brethren."

In calling the Corinthian Christians his beloved brethren, the Apostle was declaring his tender love for those whom he had begotten in Christ, even though they were carnal and confused. This same tenderness was very often manifested by our departed brother. Many of us have heard him address his

congregations as "my beloved brethren." As a faithful under shepherd he loved the flock of God and desired to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. His love for the brethren was genuine and Christlike.

The exhortations we have here in this passage are three: First, be ye steadfast; second, be ye unmoveable; and third, be abounding in the work of the Lord. And now I am sure you understand why we have chosen this Scripture. This is what I believe he would say to us.

Be ye steadfast. Mature Christians should be firm and settled, always bearing a positive testimony. Such steadfastness comes only from an intimate knowledge of the Lord and His Word. To this end Dr. McClain placed in high priority the teaching of the Word of God in the church, in the college, and in the seminary. Training men to rightly divide the Word of truth is the way to make mature Christians who stand fast in the Lord.

Be ye unmoveable. There were those in Corinth who denied the resurrection of the dead and were introducing heresies into the church. Satan was at work even in the New Testament church. A similar situation exists in the church today. Men are departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons. The last days are upon us when men will no longer endure sound doctrine. Liberalism and all sorts of false teachings threaten the life of the church today. But we are exhorted to stand unmoveable in our profession of faith and in our labor of love. We must resist every attempt to overthrow the fundamentals of the faith. We must maintain Grace College and Seminary as Bible-believing, Christ-centered schools clinging to the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Evangelical America needs the testimony of our schools today. The founding fathers have bequeathed to us a heritage of sound doctrine to which we must be true.

And then Paul exhorts that we should abound in the work of the Lord. This is no day for lethargy; the king's business requires haste. The night comes when no man can work. We must give the Lord the best we have and increase more and more in our labor for him.

The work of the Lord referred to in this passage is twofold: His work in the world and His work in His people. God's purpose in the world today is to gather up a people for His name. This is done by world evangelization, which includes everything that is involved in the spread of the gospel message: namely, the calling, the training, and the sending of laborers into the harvest field. The field is the world, so we are to witness to Christ both in our Jerusalem and to the uttermost part of the earth. Through that witness Jesus Christ will call out His own. This is one aspect of the work in which we are exhorted to abound.

Then there is God's work in His people. This has to do with the progressive work of sanctification, the development of spiritual life in each individual believer. We are exhorted elsewhere in the Word to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. This means that we are to grow less like the world and more like our lovely Lord Jesus. We are to be filled with the Spirit and to be constantly bearing His precious fruit in our lives. This, too, is the Lord's work; it is what He does in us.

To these exhortations the Apostle affixes the little word "always." Always abounding. Perseverance should characterize our labor for the Lord. We are to be never weary in well doing, never giving up the fight, but going on and on until the battle is won or we have finished our course.

"Ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." There is nothing empty about serving the Lord. God honors those who honor Him. Whatever we do in word or in deed is to be done in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are neither to seek our own glory nor yet to trust the arm of flesh, but to have an eye single for His glory. In this self-seeking world today we must manifest a disinterestedness as we abound in the work of the Lord; otherwise, it is not the work of the Lord but the work of man.

These brief exhortations come to us afresh today and at a very favorable moment to quietly dedicate ourselves anew to the Lord and to His work, as did our beloved teacher. He has come to the end of his labors; he fought the good fight and finished his course; he kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give him at that day—and not to him only, but to all them who love the Lord's appearing.

It was the glorified Lord who said, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." Surely our brother has had a triumphant and victorious entrance into the presence of the Lord whom he loved and served, and this by the matchless grace of God.—*Dr. Orville D. Jobson, veteran missionary and member of the Board of Trustees of Grace Schools* ▼

"TALL IN THE SHOCK"

From the Book of Job we glean a timely truth: "Thou shalt come to the grave in full age, as a shock of corn cometh in his season" (Job 5:26). The tragedy of history is that too few come to that fullness of age, nor to any appreciable season of fruitfulness. Of our beloved teacher, counselor, and fellow-laborer, Dr. Alva J. McClain, no such negative testimony could possibly be imagined. Of a certainty, he came to fullness of age—he was allotted his four-score years. But his fullness of age was more than in chronological years—he came to age in person, in wisdom, in love, and in service to God and man. Duration means nothing unless there is contribution—he made that contribution in a multitude of ways. He *lived his life* and we have all benefitted from that living.

The Job passage speaks of a *shock* of corn. A shock is made up of more than one stalk. There is a significance here. A truly great man is one who not only stands tall himself, but helps others to stand tall with him. As a stalk in the shock, he stood with others of our dedicated men, who, in times of crisis, became the founders and progenitors of our beloved Fellowship of Brethren Churches, and of Grace Schools. Most of these fruitful "stalks" have now been garnered into the heavenly places; a few remain with us today. We thank God that there has been a fruitful "shock" made up of dedicated "stalks."

God lays His hands upon men for two reasons: holiness and usefulness. The price of holiness and the price of usefulness is to "be crucified with Christ." This was true of our brother—he laid his all "on the altar of sacrifice" for his Lord. For to him ". . . to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Several of us were among the first students of this blessed teacher at Grace Theological Seminary. The intellectual atmosphere in which this relationship first existed was one of spiritual fog. The approach to the Bible for us was with a big "If"—*if* the Bible is true, *if* there is a virgin birth, *if* there is a second advent, *if* there is any moral obligation laid upon man in the sight of God. He changed all that with a positive declaration of "Since"—*since* these things be so, therefore, certain things must follow and certain responses are obligatory. He was to us, in those early years of uncertainty, all that the radar beam is to the pilot when visibility is zero. He stood in opposition to apostasy in theological matters. One cannot magnify Christ in such sacrificial service and holy living without opposition. Out of the opposition he experienced was born Grace Schools. In every crisis, God has his man and his men. In that time it was Dr. Alva J. McClain, and those stalwarts of the faith connected with him. He was a leader for God and for good.

Personally, in my relationship with this man, as student, as fellow-elder, as co-administrator—and I speak for others who have shared these cherished relationships, I have found him to be one who revealed many of the characteristics that made Bible personalities worth remembering. Like as was said by David, we might say of him: "I delight to do thy will, O my God." He, like Paul, "was set for the defense of the gospel." He had the same attitude as John, who declared: "He must increase and I must decrease." Paul wrote: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just . . . pure . . . lovely . . . of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." To think of Dr. McClain was to truly "think on these things."

We have appreciated Dr. McClain as a man of holiness—we have benefitted therefrom. We have seen this man, small of stature and many times weak of body, stand tall and straight in the pulpit, vigorously wielding the Sword of the Spirit, defending the truth—thus we have been influenced to be dogmatic and decisive. We have seen him sit quietly behind the desk, expounding with clarity some baffling portion of the Scriptures on justification, sanctification, predestination, eschatology—and thus we have discovered that there is truth; there are answers. We have sat with him alone in the counseling session and have benefitted from his understanding, loving admonitions—and thus we have learned that there is victory in Christ. We have stood beside him on these platforms as he received the plaudits of others, and was the recipient of earned honors; all of which he received as unto the glory of his Lord. Thus we have become aware of the fact that there is a comely dignity that results from humility. He could safely say unto us all: "What things ye have seen in me, do!"

The last visit Mrs. Ashman and I were privileged to make with the McClains was somewhat different than

previous visits. His holiness had been proved, his usefulness had been demonstrated, and he was aware that the day of his sharing with the glory of Christ in the heavenlies was not too far distant. And, while he clung to the hope that the rapture would occur before his departure, he, nonetheless, made this no matter of great concern. He had been given an assignment in the school of history; his aspirations had become accomplishments; he was, therefore, ready to march, robed in righteousness, into the commencement exercises in the presence of the Master Teacher; there to receive the full authority of his heavenly degrees. Like David he seemed to say: "Now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee" (Psa. 39:7). And so, the Lord called him home. To us, we weep—"Sunset." To him, he exclaims, "Dawn!"

Dr. McClain was "a burning and shining light." It is therefore fitting that his good wife should have the privilege of throwing the switch for the campus-lights ceremony to flood Grace campus with physical light, even as he flooded the same campus with spiritual light.

It is my privilege to announce that a suitable memorial fund, honoring Dr. McClain, will be established.

Consciously, or unconsciously, every one of us follows another. We become, to a degree, copies of that which we follow. *Since* this is true, we first follow Christ, and then follow someone who is Christlike. Obviously, we should choose one of the Lord's masterpieces for a pattern—anything less would keep us from coming to fullness of age and would make us less than fruitful in our season. Having had the privilege of knowing Dr. Alva J. McClain, we are glad to accept him as one of our earthly patterns to follow. As Timothys, we aspire to be like him, our Paul.—*Dr. Kenneth B. Ashman, president, board of trustees, Grace Schools* ▼

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"A TIMOTHY IN THE FAITH"

Although more than 200 young men probably went out into Christian service under the ministry of my father (the late Louis S. Bauman), yet of all those there was one who was undoubtedly his own son Timothy in the faith, and that was Dr. McClain.

I remember my father speaking on one occasion of the day of Dr. McClain's conversion. It was in a little church in Sunnyside, Washington, in the northwestern part of the United States. Dr. McClain had been brought up in a godly home, but had for a season rebelled and resisted the teaching. He was, however, attracted by the preaching of prophecy in the evangelistic meeting my father was conducting. Probably the teaching of the Book of Daniel, as much as anything else, helped to direct him back into the channels in which he had been reared. Always a logical thinker, and the evidence was overwhelming; he was brought under deep conviction. As he came down the aisle a woman in the back of the audience literally threw up her hands and said, "If the Lord can save Alva McClain, He can save anybody." Well, the Lord did save Alva McClain.

From the time of their conversion, Dr. McClain and his wife began to grow spiritually, as they followed my father to Long Beach, California, where he was then in the earliest years of his great pastorate in that city.

Actually, my father was a one-man theological seminary to three young men who were converted almost at the same time. These men gathered together as a school in some of the evening hours of the week, and he taught them as he saw their hunger for an understanding of the Word.

One was a man who had been saved from a life of deep sin as dope had fastened its hold on his body. His name was Francis J. Reagan. After his salvation, he attended Xenia Theological Seminary to further prepare for the Lord's work.

In these training classes, along with Dr. McClain and Rev. Francis Reagan, was Dr. Stewart McClennan, who later became the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood.

Occasionally Dr. Bauman would have one of these men speak before the congregation. Two of them spoke with some degree of eloquence and made a physical appearance which impressed people. One day one of the leading members of the church came to my father and said, "Brother Bauman, two of those men I think you ought to encourage, but I don't know if this young chap Alva McClain will make it." It was not because of what he said, but because he was short of stature, and these other men were over six feet tall. I remember my father said, "You leave Alva McClain alone. I'm not a prophet, but I'll make this prediction: he will pass both of the other men."

It was in 1946, I think, when Dr. McClain first contacted me relative to coming to Grace Seminary. It was my happy privilege—one of the choice memories of my life—to have spent fourteen years serving as a colleague of his.

Dr. McClain's ministry has extended far beyond the borders of The Brethren Church and will continue, not only in LeTourneau College, with whom I am now associated, in Longview, Texas, but in many other institutions across this country. It suddenly occurred to me that we have on our faculty and staff, ten who have come under the impact of his ministry and were greatly influenced by his teaching. The words in the Book of Hebrews in tribute to Abel, "He being dead yet speaketh," are so true of Dr. McClain.

Dr. Raymond Gingrich, who is associated as teacher in theology and Bible at LeTourneau College and who was pastor of the church in Akron which mothered this infant school at its beginning, said to me yesterday: "I wonder if Dr. McClain and your father have gotten together yet." Riding up here this morning my daughter said the same thing to me. The two sisters of Dr. McClain also spoke of that meeting which they felt had undoubtedly taken place. My answer in each case was this, "I am sure they have." If only the veil could be lifted from our eyes, we could see.—*Dr. Paul R. Bauman, director of Tours, LeTourneau College.* ▼

CONTENDER FOR THE FAITH

The phrase, "Only be strong and of a good courage" is repeated four times in chapter one of Joshua. Over a period of some forty-five years I have had very close friendship with Dr. Alva J. McClain, and I have concluded that no one was stronger in defense of the Gospel and more courageous in its presentation than he. Truly he was "strong and of a good courage."

Those who know the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches today might say, "Well, they're a wonderful fellowship of churches standing so solidly for evangelical Christian faith." And so far as I know, not a minister or leader in The Brethren Church denies any of the fundamentals of the Christian faith. That was not always so. The first quarter of this century was a period of grave denials and great conflict in The Brethren Church and especially from about the years of 1910 to 1920 or 1925. In 1915 a man stood on the podium of the Winona Lake Auditorium and said that it was not necessary to believe in the deity of Christ or the virgin birth to be in good standing in The Brethren Church and in her ministry. Years of contention followed, and Dr. McClain was one of two or three who led in contending for the faith. As a result, in 1921 the national conference approved a statement known as the *Message of the Brethren Ministry.* Dr. McClain prepared the original copy of this—the only statement of faith of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

I rejoice in the privilege of having had fellowship with this man of God in the pastorate, in the work of foreign missions, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Grace Schools.

When I desired personal counsel and advice in critical situations, Dr. McClain provided it. I never went away disappointed. I rejoice in the friendship of this man of God.

There is one portion of Scripture that I would like to use from the pen of the great Apostle, who wrote, "Copy me as I copy Christ." Dr. McClain copied Christ.

—Dr. Russell D. Barnard, Moderator, National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. ▼

"THEY'RE TALKING IT OVER UP THERE"

There is a rejoicing in my heart as I pay tribute to this man of God who has meant so much to me in my life during these last thirty years that I have known him, especially since he led in the bringing of the Brethren institutions—Grace College and Seminary and others—here to Winona Lake.

In speaking with Mrs. McClain and mentioning the fact my wife went home to be with the Lord two years ago, I said: "Well, now they're talking it over up there." And I do believe that God (and this came to me from Brother McClain in some of his comments on Psalm twenty-three) does not withhold anything from those who have gone on before that would make for their rejoicing and gladness.

His ministry has been closed here, and he has been promoted to glory. He lived what he taught, and he looked forward to the joys that he is now experiencing. With us he sang, "Face to face with Christ my Saviour, Face to face—what will it be—When with rapture I behold Him, Jesus Christ who died for me? Face to face I shall behold Him, Far beyond the starry sky; Face to face in all His glory, I shall see Him—" and you know we end the song by saying, "By and by." I am glad for him it is *here* and *now.* So we will ever remember and thank God for him. Annie Johnson Flint said:

There's a loved one who is missing
from the fireside and the feast,
There's a face that has vanished and a
voice that has ceased,
But we know he has passed forever
from our mortal grief and pain,
And we thank Thee, oh our Father,
for the blessings that remain.
Thanksgiving, oh thanksgiving, that his
love has blessed us here,
That so long he walked beside us sharing every smile and tear,
For the joy that past has brought us
and can never take away,
For the sweet and gracious memories
growing dearer every day,
For the love that still is left us, for the
friends that hold us dear,
And the lives that yet may need us,
for their guidance and their cheer;
For the hope of that glad meeting far
from mortal grief and pain,
And in spite of our sorrow, we say,
We thank Thee, our Father,
For these blessings that remain.

So for me and for you this service will be a beautiful memory and a continuing inspiration because God's hand was on this man.

—Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, President American Association for Jewish Evangelism. ▼

The World Responds

Telegrams, letters, and cards of condolence and tribute were received from the following up to the time of publication:

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Dr. Harry Hardwick, president, LeTourneau College
Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman
First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Griffith and family
Dr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Stoll
Dr. John G. Balyo, pastor, Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio
Rev. Allan Flint, pastor, Fellowship Baptist Church, Warsaw, Indiana
Dr. Harold Lindsell, editor, Christianity Today

Grace News

Inaugurate New Campus Lighting

Approximately 250 Grace College and Seminary students, administrators, and friends were gathered on the terrace of the new library-learning center Thursday night, November 14, for ceremonies inaugurating a new campus lighting system.

Mrs. Alva J. McClain, widow of the late Dr. McClain, founder and first president of Grace Schools, was present for the event. The lighting ceremonies concluded the day of memorial services for Dr. McClain.

In his remarks, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools, compared the new lighting system to the "bright light of Dr. McClain's life." He said the lights would stand as a memorial to Dr. McClain, whose vision and courage gave birth to Grace Schools and contributed largely to the establishment of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. ▼



Shown here with one of the new lighting fixtures are (left to right) Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., vice president of Grace Schools; Mrs. Alva J. McClain, wife of the schools' founder; Max Fluke, superintendent of the college construction crew; Mrs. Herman A. Hoyt; Dr. Herman A. Hoyt; president of Grace Schools; and Ed Lewis, Grace College student body president.

Announcing the

18th ANNUAL GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE

JANUARY 28-31, 1969 **GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WINONA LAKE, INDIANA**

SPEAKERS:

Dr. L. S. Bauman Memorial Lectures
By Rev. Donald F. Carter, pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Anaheim, California

Dr. R. Paul Miller Memorial Lectures
By Dr. Paul E. Little, director of evangelism for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

Seminary Alumni Sponsored Lectures
By Dr. Alden Gannett, president, Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham, Alabama

ALUMNI DAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1969

Alumni Banquet at noon

Special alumni rates for lodging at the Winona Hotel: $6.00 single and $3.50 per person for two or more in a room.

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(The following editorial accompanied the above cartoon in the Nov. 14, 1968 issue of the Warsaw, Indiana, Times-Union *concerning the "Americans for America" week at Grace College.)*

Americanism a la Grace

In commendable contrast to behavior on many of the Nation's campuses, is the "American College Week" being celebrated at our own Grace College at Winona Lake. It could better be called "Americanism Week." We don't know whether it is the spiritual background of Grace, the administrators or just the caliber of students enrolled there, but Grace College throughout all the turmoil in other schools has given this community cause to be proud of the school located here. The college and its students have proven themselves worthy of community support in every way. Students at Grace College are not only proud to be Americans, they act like it. It is refreshing. It is encouraging. It is, in fact, probably indicative of the vast majority of our young people in all schools of higher learning, who suffer from the screwball ideas of noisy minorities and permissive boards and administrators who allow them to act disgracefully. Thank God Grace College stands as a shining and untarnished example of American youth at its best. The *Times-Union* can stand four-square behind students of this character and administrators who foster it.

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